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Organizational History, 42D Bombardment Squadron (H)
11th Bombardment Group (H)
VII Bomber Command, Seventh Air Force
Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, APO # 246

1. Date of arrival at and departure from each station occupied in this theater:

Negative.

2. Losses in action:

Negative.

3. Awards and Decorations:

Purple Heart - T/Sgt. Robert S. Kostro, 32435313. See Exhibit # 1.

4. Organization:

Negative.

5. Strength:

As of 1 April 1945 - 111 Officers, 2 Flight Officers, 401 Enlisted Men.

As of 30 April 1945 - 149 Officers, 6 Flight Officers, 533 Enlisted Men.

6. Airplane strength by type:


As of 1 April 1945 - 10 B-24 J's, 5 B-24 L's.

As of 30 April 1945 - 10 B-24 J's, 5 B-24 L's.

7. Airplane Losses:

Negative.

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The basic objectives of the training program are indoctrination in the methods and spirit of the 42D, knowledge of the enemy and the theatre of operations, and expertness in the performance of tactical operations and duties. In excess of 1000 man hours of intelligence training and 2000 man hours of ground tactical training was given, all sections participating in the effort to insure thorough training to all crews prior to the move. In each class emphasis was placed on practical experience of crews in this area and on the accomplishments and methods of this Squadron.

In intelligence training, stress was laid on identification of aircraft and on safeguarding military information. In ground tactical training the largest number of man hours was devoted to gunnery training, in view of expected opposition on future strikes. In addition to this ground training, 46 practice missions were flown in the effort to develop lead crews. This practice bombing emphasized blind bombing from medium altitudes but included training of selected crews in radar bombing of shipping.

The announcement of a furlough and rotation policy gave plenty of food for conversation, and also gave morale a definite shot in the arm. Fourteen enlisted men and three officers per month will be sent to that faraway land, known only vaguely out here, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. Lists have already been posted of those fortunate individuals scheduled to leave in June, July, and August. It is anticipated that each man will be absent from the organization for a period of approximately four months.

As a result of Admiral Nimitz announcement of the invasion of Okinawa on 1 April, a great deal of interest was suddenly evinced in data on the Nanjie Shoto, and the situation map illustrating the advances of the 10th Army has been avidly watched daily by numerous busy little people.

During the month two crews were sent on rest leave to Oahu. The pilots are Lts. Lee and Mc Lean. These crews were reluctant to leave and thereby miss the training program, but were finally sent, as their health came first.

Squadron order # 9, listing changes in or additions to assigned duties, reads as follows:

	<u>RELD FR</u> <u>I & E</u> O (add dy)	<u>APTD</u> I & E O (add dy)
MAJOR (2120) WILLIAM L. PEAIRS		
O-905504 AC		
1st Lt (9301) JAMES G. CLOVER		
O-1643227 AC		
1st Lt (1035) EUGENE R. PITTMAN	Sq Bmbdr (prin dy)	
O-685091 AC		
1st Lt (1035) RAYMOND D. FLETCHER		Sq Bmbdr (prin dy)
O-669232 AC		

S/Sgt (748) William C. Findle 13089603 is reld fr flying status and further dy requiring participation in reg and freq aerial flts, eff 1 April 1945. (AUTH: AR 35-1480 and AAF Reg 35-29).

Squadron order # 10 showed the following changes in duties:

	<u>RELD FR</u> <u>Flt Ldr</u> (Flt C) (prin dy)	<u>APTD</u> Ppns O (prin dy) Sec-Treas, 42D Bomb Sq (H) O club (add dy)
CAPT (1092) PHILIP H. KRON		
O-662571 AC		
1st Lt. (4823) HERBERT T. HAWKINS		
O-565591 AC		

Fol named EM atchd fr AAFPOA tng Aids Ctr, APO 959 are pl on flying status and are required to participate in reg and freq aerial flts until reld by competent auth. (AUTH: AR 35-1480 and AAF Reg 35-29)

Sgt (938) Patrick G Brannigan 12120127
Sgt (938) Roy T Daugherty 35039054
Sgt (938) Robert F Kelly 18215346
Sgt (938) Thomas M Slatery 34149839
Sgt (938) John P Wrigley 14077053

During the month the Squadron participated in seven missions to MARCUS and four over TRUK. Missions were routine and no major losses were suffered, although two officers were seriously injured. Toward the end of the month, airfields and runways at both targets were concentrated upon. The 494th Bombardment Group from Palau was sent to Guam, with combat crews, airplanes and limited ground personnel, attached to the 11th Bombardment Group.

This Squadron housed and fed personnel of the 865th Bomb Squadron, having men sleeping in the war-room, day-room, other tents, etc. They also hit Marcus and Truk, on different days than aircraft from this group. We found them to be cooperative and interesting, and endeavored to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

During the month T/Sgt Robert S. Kostro was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in combat over Chichi Jima on 10 December 1944. (Picture attached - Exhibit # 1).

S/Sgt Robert B. Carlson of the radar section was appointed a 2nd Lt. and transferred to the 11th Group. (AAFPOA S.O. # 114, P 2.)

Reports from the various sections in the Squadron are noteworthy and quoteworthy:

A. ARMAMENT SECTION:

Chief accomplishment of the armament section was converting the Box- Bombsight Field Repair - standard nomenclature- into a trailer to be used by the power turret and gunsight Section. For a chassis we used the tandem rear-end of a Jap truck which we legged from our own Motor Pool. Other parts were bagged from Sea-Bees and other organizations all over the island. But despite its humble background, the finished trailer is by no means the least presentable item in the 420 Circus train.

The war for supply also goes on, but there are still turret spare parts which through some quirk of fate remain unobtainable. For our wanting these parts service activities have labeled us unreasonable.

Everything else is secure.

B. PHOTO SECTION:

The Photo section photographed 62 square miles, including Marcus and Truk. Aerial negatives developed - 295. G-3 negatives developed - 123. Aerial prints developed - 1275. G-3 prints 113.

Sgt. Bonafilio completed 40 missions and returned to the States for reassignment. New equipment authorized by T.O. 00-30-20, dated 16 July 1944, with the exception of the tents and the A-10 dryer has finally arrived.

C. MEDICAL SECTION:

These officers wounded in action; Lt. Fahl - April 16 1945. Penetrating wound of chest. Happened 1 year to the day after receiving fracture of arm in a ditching, while returning from 2nd mission. Lt. Trice - April 29 1945. Traumatic amputation of left lower leg. Lt. Moore - April 29 1945. Superficial wound of right eye.

Health of command continued excellent.

Four hours first aid training for new crews including use of plasma. Lecture to Squadron on Malaria Control.

D. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

As a result of the arrival of new crews the personal equipment section which does not have sufficient personnel to perform the work required, was overloaded this past month.

In addition to the performance of regular duties, new form #121, flyer's individual clothing issue, were received, requiring appreciable paper work. New equipment received included whistles for the Mae Weats, rose-colored sun glasses, and radar corners for the life rafts.

Plans are under way to send one man to parachute school in order to take maximum advantage of the technical training programs for this area.

E. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:

During the month of April the Communications Section started work on an improvised maintenance trailer. Securing an old Japanese truck from Civil Affairs, the section constructed a framework of angle iron and started work on the side and top.

In the section, as in others, training was a big item in this month's work. Emphasis was placed on the use of equipment and on communications procedure.

F. ENGINEERING SECTION:

In April the engineering section practically completed the sixth and last trailer to be constructed by the section. This trailer is designed to house the office and records of Engineering and Technical Supply. It is one of the few trailers now in this area designed purely for administrative work.

Five A/C were appreciably damaged by flak this month, the majority of the damage being to the skin and structural members. Four of these A/C are now repaired and back in service, ready for further combat missions against the Japs.

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The success of this section this month was measured by the number of abortives. In a total of 1052 combat hours flown, consuming 266,161 gallons of gasoline, there were only two abortives. On April 6th an abortive was caused by engine failure, and on April 29th an abortive was caused by gas leaking in the bomb bay. This gas leak however was subsequently traced to an overflow in the bomb bay tank.

On April 20th M/Sgt. Shedd was made Line Chief, replacing M/Sgt. Sherrill. M/Sgt. Sherrill was a satisfactory line chief, but lacked the experience of the new chief. It is considered that this change will smooth out the operation of the section.

G. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SECTION:

During April the section carried on numerous activities. A newspaper correspondent, Lyle Shoemaker, who participated in the Iwo Jima landings, as well as those at Palau and Tarawa, spoke to the men about his experiences. The I & E officer gave talks to the Squadron on "Japan and the Japanese" and "Okinawa, Japan's Backdoor". Numerous men were registered for self-study courses, and a survey was taken in the squadron to ascertain how many men were interested in what supervised study subjects. There was found to be a preponderance of men wanting Physics, Mathematics, English, and Spanish. Steps are being taken to procure textbooks in these subjects, so that after we move and are settled in our new location, classes can be set-up in the subjects that the men want to learn. The next problem is in securing efficient instructors in these esoteric sciences, but work ~~was~~ is being done along this line.

A film was shown entitled, "War Comes To America", (Part I), 7th film in the "Why We Fight" Series and it offered an excellent picture of the chain of events that involved our country in the War, up to and including Pearl Harbor.

H. RADAR SECTION:

The personnel of this section have been engaged primarily with the extended training program for combat crews. The education of several new radar operators and Bombardiers in radar bombing was conducted by Captain Charles I. Bunn, Radar Officer, and bench maintenance men. Instruction in the operation of the SCR 717 and APN-4 (Loran - Navigational Radar) was in like manner given by appropriate maintenance mechanics. Instructions in Flight were also made accessible to new crew members and proved to be of no little practical value.

The most notable individual achievement of this section's personnel was the reception of a direct commission of 2nd Lt. by former line chief, R.B. Carlson, S/Sgt. This position has been assumed by S/Sgt. Herbert T. Kerr.

One of the relatively recent acquisitions to our roster of mechanics, Lewis F. Roland, a former radio mechanic in civilian life, has been summoned before a board to judge his qualifications as a Warrant Officer in Communications. He is now "sweating out" their decision.

Two of our members, S/Sgt. Irving Wunderlich and Cpl. Harold Ranton, are at the present time receiving instructions in the maintenance of a radar sea-search bombing set (new to this theater) which will probably see much use before long.

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T/Sgt Robert S. Kostro receives Purple
Heart from Squadron Commander, Major
Clement K. Miller.

Exhibit # 1.

In the month of April the attention of the ground echelon was focused upon the preparation for the impending move. Previous experience has driven home to this Squadron the importance of careful and thorough planning for this operation and the importance of details which on paper seem insignificant,

The standard procedure in these operations has been for the air echelon to arrive at the base after the ground echelon. Plans must therefore be made for the air echelon to be self supporting for a period of one to two weeks and for the retention of sufficient housekeeping and tactical materiel to carry on at the old base.

Although the point has not yet been definitely decided, negotiations are under way with the proper authorities to secure permission for combat loading. Since operation at a new base always begins immediately, unloading must proceed at beach head speed. Any delay in clearing the boat and setting up the camp area results in extreme confusion.

In like manner, although the loading date as usual changes, the preparations for packing are being continued at the same steady pace. The usual difficulties in securing materiel are being encountered and overcome. Adequate packing materials have first priority. Second, a careful check of personal equipment and clothing has been made and steps taken to requisition the discovered shortages. Third, new tents have been secured, ^{and} packed ready for moving. With these steps accomplished, we are now confident that we will be able to move smoothly when the time comes.

At the same time we are carrying on simultaneously an extensive training program for new crews and neutralization missions against Truk and Marcus.

During the second week of this month, intensive training of 16 crews was begun.

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42D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
11th Bomb Gp (H)-VII Bomber Command
Seventh Air Force
Army Air Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas
APO #246

1. Date of Arrival and Departure:

Negative.

2. Losses in Action:

Negative.

3. Awards and Decorations:

See Exhibit #1 attached.

4. Organization:

Negative.

5. Personnel Strength:

1 May 1945 - 149 O, 6 F.O., 533 EM.
31 May 1945 - 123 O, 6 F.O., 494 EM.

6. A/P Strength:

1 May 1945 - 9 B-24J's, 5 B-24L's and 1 Trainer.
31 May 1945 - 9 B-24J's, 5 B-24L's, 2 B-24M's and 1 Trainer.

7. Losses of A/P's:

Negative.

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During the month of May preparations for the move forward were completed on schedule. The burden of the work was borne by the executive and supply elements of the ground force.

A basic requirement was the establishment of facilities for the proper care feeding of the crews while the ground echelon was enroute. With the rainy season upon us, the problems of organization and transshipment of shelter added further complications to the already complex task of forward movement of a heavy bombardment squadron.

Although it is considered exceptional for combat crews to perform house-keeping tasks, it has been considered necessary in this instance to allot to the crews duties requisite for their own maintenance. In exceptional cases among personnel unfamiliar with the expedients of a forward area there was some complaint, but on the whole the necessity for this innovation was generally recognized. In such an operation as this one minor problems of K.P., police, transport, and shelter constitute, taken as a whole, a major obstacle to the accomplishment of the mission.

The problem of morale was complicated by the relative combat inactivity of the squadron. Although there is opinion to the contrary, it is here considered that training is not an efficient substitute for combat in the orientation of new crews and the maintenance of old crews in fighting trim. Although personnel have maintained and frequently increased their mechanical efficiency, morale was relatively lower during the early part of this month. As the date of the move approached, however, morale generally improved until the 42D is now ready for another campaign.

The announcement of V-E Day on May 8 and of re-deployment day on May 12 did not produce any great reaction. As a result of intensive orientation training, it was the feeling that only a part of the job was done and that we can not expect immediate relief. The squadron took these milestones in its stride and continued about its routine business.

During the month the tempo of the training activities was rapidly increased. The training of this large complement of new crews at the time of preparation for movement is a burdensome task for the personnel concerned, who, while struggling with the problems of supply and movement, are required to deal with training problems which could be more adequately handled in the rear areas. It is possible that the arrival of undertrained crews in this theatre is due to the lapse of time between completion of training and arrival at this squadron.

Irrespective of the difficulties involved, however, training was increased over last month. The problem has been handled largely by assigning either training or movement duties to specific personnel. Intelligence and Operations were largely concerned with training; supply and administrative with movement. In the case of the technical officers this was not possible, and they were burdened by the problems of conflicting duties. On the whole, however, the difficulties of conducting a training program during movement were less than had been anticipated.

That phase of training twenty-four comparatively new crews handled by the S-2 Section included such subjects as escape and evasion, psychological warfare, airplane and surface craft recognition, targets in theater of operations, flak and photo intelligence, ditching and survival, and enemy tactics. With twenty-four full crews present at a one hour lecture, the training report would

show a credit for 240 man hours. With lectures scheduled as frequently as missions would permit, it can readily be observed that the number of man hours of training would become astronomical in the course of a month.

This situation was not peculiar to S-2, but rather was even more accentuated in Operations Section. Every phase of operations was indulged in. Bombardiers and radar operators received hours of radar training and practice missions, waist and tail gunners tried their hand at skeet, at tow targets and dye marker targets in the ocean. Navigators and pilots were trained in Loran, the navigation plan based on radar. Pilots and co-pilots received hours of training in the use and operation of the Minneapolis-Honeywell auto-pilot formation stick. Bombardiers received instructions in the operation of the (new to this theater) mercury switch bombsight. All crew members were given exercises in first aid, the treatment of shock and application of opiates and blood plasma.

Other sections had their part to play. The Supply Section, for instance, was called upon to secure all the supplies needed for the movement to a new area, bearing in mind a cooler climate, different living conditions and very definitely an area under enemy influence. Some of the personal items procured and distributed were one extra blanket per man, one woolen shirt, lipstick for chapped lips, sunburn salve, and entrenching tools. One of the most welcome items was a waterproof bag, issued to each man as a liner for his "B" bag. For the first time in the squadron's history, there was assurance that personal clothing and equipment would arrive at the destination in a dry state. The section was fortunate to receive a new Supply Officer in the person of 1st Lt Walter E. Palmer, who was assigned from the 318th Fighter Control Squadron

on 3rd May.

Ordnance Section's preparations were extensive, too, but the items which provoked most notice were the individual issue of three clips of ammunition for carbine or pistol and two hand grenades per man. This section also received a new officer, namely, 1st Lt. Roland E. Vigneault who was assigned to the Squadron on 16 May after considerable service with the 543rd Base Hq, APO #953.

Thru the Personal Equipment section, many new items and many improved items were distributed. Their usage is intended to increase the individual's chances of survival in the event of ditching or a forced landing ashore. The items included are: individual invasion kits containing pointee talkie book (Chinese-English), burning glass, compass, containers of candy, vitamin pills and cigarettes, rubber water bags and Chinese-American flags for identification, glass signal mirrors to replace stainless steel mirrors in Mae Wests, radar reflectors, maps, emergency jungle vests and water distilling units.

The radar section was called upon to train a number of crews in radar bombing procedure, working particularly with the bombardiers and assistant radio operators. Pilots and navigators in turn received training in radar navigation procedure. For dry bomb runs shipping in the harbor was used for the target, for practice missions, small rocky islands nearby were bombed. Tech Sgt William F. Ellis, section chief received a field commission as 2D Lt on 24 May. His commission came from the Signal Corps.

All personnel were shown the film "Two Down and One To Go" under I & E auspices, and also a reshooting of the film "War Comes To America", last in

THE "Why We Fight" series.

One lecture was given by Lt Clover, entitled "What To Do With Japan". At this meeting, attended by the majority of the squadron, Lt Harold Shank, squadron navigator, gave a brief talk on his experiences during a six day visit to Okinawa. An announcement was made regarding the projected change in furloughs and rotation.

More men have been registered for home study courses, and plans are still being promulgated, with a view to setting up a regular off duty class schedule after the squadron is settled in its new home on another island.

Situation maps were kept up to date and the European map was gleefully and ceremoniously torn down after 8 May 1945.

On 11 May 1945, a new Flight Surgeon replaced Captain W.E. Hazel, our former Flight Surgeon, who was assigned to VII Bomber Command. Captain Simon A. Flynn, formerly assigned to the 392D Bomb Sq, 30th Bomb Gp, who recently returned to the Pacific Area after an emergency leave in the States, took over these duties. On 8 May, the squadron personnel began taking atabrine tablets daily in preparation for the move to the West. A mild epidemic of diarrhoea evidenced itself soon afterward, probably traceable to the atabrine. All squadron personnel were given their six month refresher shots.

As the ground echelon prepares to move onto ships for the move, the squadron dispensary has moved into the Group dispensary.

A new method of choosing flight and squadron leaders in combat has been instituted, patterned after that in use by the 8th AF. Each pilot is interviewed by the C.O., the Operations Officer and the Flight Surgeon, so that the choice

may be made taking into consideration flying ability, leadership, personality and psychological fitness.

The squadron will go forward fully prepared medically for every exigency which may arise. We have our own supply of DDT, so that we can spray our own area independently, in case the island facilities are slow in reaching us.

Top deal in the Armament section was the field commissioning of S/Sgt Jack D. Roberts of the bombsight section as 2D Lt.

The Communications Section completed an operations trailer during the month. With this unit, the section can be operational within a matter of hours after unloading. Salvaged Jap material such as truck chassis, tires, angle irons, etc., was used in its construction. It is 17½ ft long, 7½ ft wide and 6½ ft high and has two sources of power, both remotely controlled from the interior, namely 110 volts from a PE 95 generator and 24-28 volts from a PE 143. All maintenance sections are now well equipped with trailers thereby giving the squadron far more mobility than is contemplated by the T.E. The trailers have proven their value in the preparation for the current change of station.

In general, the squadron is operating efficiently. Many of the men are becoming war-worn after two years in the enchanting Pacific, but it is hoped that in good time replacements will arrive, and that the weariest and most-deserving can return to their respective state of origin.

N. B. Those names () circled in red pencil are members of the 42d Bomb Sq (H).

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SECTION I

AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 17, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 23 August 1944 to 15 February 1945. During this period, each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

COL JOHN J MORROW 017150
CAPT BERNARD C MC PARTLAND JR 0434634
CAPT ALLISON W WEIDER 0451980
1ST LT EDGAR J ALEXANDER 0483707
1ST LT HARRY E BARNHART 0812726
1ST LT RALPH J BERTSCH 0808986
1ST LT LEWIS C BOLANOW 01517477
1ST LT CLAY R CARLOCK 01824278
1ST LT DWIGHT E CLOUD 0714027
1ST LT JOHN M CONCORAN 0689696

CAPT CHARLES W FINNEGAN 0571643
CAPT REX R HERRA 0860802
1ST LT MARK M ARND 0776596
1ST LT LEROY BARNHORN 0699310
1ST LT ROBERT J BALLANTINE 0828065
1ST LT ROBERT J BINGELL 0709267
1ST LT IVAN E BROWN 0699396
1ST LT HARRY E CLARK 02064109
1ST LT CURTIS E CONKLIN 08094110
1ST LT ROBERT C DAVIS 0760957

1ST LT BURNELL M DIEHL 0768941	1ST LT WILLIAM F ELKINS JR 0762043
1ST LT ALEXANDER F ELLES JR 0694440	1ST LT THOMAS B ENGRAM SR 0718897
1ST LT RICHARD D FACKLER 0699806	1ST LT ADOLPH J FIALA JR 0696078
1ST LT STANLEY L FLEMING 0707884	1ST LT RAYMOND D FLETCHER 0669232
1ST LT IRWIN GREENBERG 02054106	1ST LT STEWART P GREENE 0772348
1ST LT GILBERT E GREER JR 0763999	1ST LT RICHARD F GUNNINK 0772352
1ST LT JOHN T HANSEN 0771011	1ST LT ELMER B HARVEY 0764010
1ST LT JACK V HENRY 0689966	1ST LT ROBERT S HIRSCH 0758808
1ST LT JAMES C HODGES 0669296	1ST LT STANLEY T HOUSEKNECHT 0695742
1ST LT CLINTON E JENCKS 0670746	1ST LT LOREN B KINNEY 0761122
1ST LT CHARLES W KLEUSER 0724048	1ST LT JOHN J KOCHIS 0699075
1ST LT THOMAS J KRAUSKA 0691644	1ST LT LAWRENCE R LAWSON 0741194
1ST LT CHARLES LOEF 0691904	1ST LT JACK LOOMIS 0694007
1ST LT KEITH S MENDENHALL 0886147	1ST LT ERNEST A MILES 0708047
1ST LT JOHN W MILLER 0692505	1ST LT JOHN H MORGAN 0713675
1ST LT MARTIN J MUNSON JR 0771770	1ST LT FORREST W MURRAY 0559262
1ST LT BILLIE J MC GARTHEY 0768181	1ST LT DALE P NEUMER 0697801
1ST LT ELMER T PAHL 0685090	1ST LT RAYMOND A PETROFSKY 0701281
1ST LT EUGENE R PITTMAN 0685091	1ST LT CERRAD PAWLE 0691916
1ST LT PHILIP A REILLY 0691802	1ST LT KERTON C RHOADES 0686276
1ST LT PAUL B RIDLON 0706915	1ST LT HERBERT D ROBINSON 0696894
1ST LT SHELDON E ROSENBLUM 0749984	1ST LT STANLEY ROSENBLUM 0752718
1ST LT CHARLES F SAMEC 0771117	1ST LT HAROLD A SHANK 0698152
1ST LT JOHN L SNYDER 0685707	1ST LT JIMMY R SOUTHARD 0766971
1ST LT CLAYTON E STAMBAUGH 0745971	1ST LT JOSEPH W STEPHENS JR 0686605
1ST LT ROBERT L STONE 0685941	1ST LT KENNETH L STRITTMATTER 0703409
1ST LT ROBERT L STRONG 0711406	1ST LT RONALD TAYLOR 0770470
1ST LT LLOYD A TEGNER 0627411	1ST LT PETER S THOMPSON 01056253
1ST LT JOHN W TOOMEY 0683185	1ST LT DONALD O TOWER 0770477
1ST LT RICHARD T WALSH JR 0712710	1ST LT ORVILLE S WARP 0774376
1ST LT BENJAMIN A WEBB 0688612	1ST LT JAMES A WELCH 0770123
1ST LT ARTHUR K YOUNG JR 0701362	1ST LT OTTO B ZACH 0708233
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2D LT JOHN A EVANS 02053388	2D LT HOWARD A FRAKES 02054114
2D LT DAVID W FALGRAFF 0776270	2D LT BENHARR S FURSE 0770240
2D LT RALPH E GREEN 0770641	2D LT JAMES W JOHNSTON 0697871
2D LT CLARK M KING 0703638	2D LT ALTON H KINGMAN JR 0778506
2D LT MILE P MESSO 0775061	2D LT ALPHONSE G MATOCHA 0555128
2D LT JOE MEDINA 0929196	2D LT IRVING I MERKIN 0702473
2D LT PHILIP P MURPHY 0776679	2D LT DONALD L MC NEESE 0928159
2D LT ANNIE L PEAK 0780321	2D LT JAMES E POUNDS 02065099
2D LT WILLIAM H PYKE JR 0780324	2D LT WILLIAM A REINHARDT 0780326
2D LT JACK A SCHUSTER 02060595	2D LT JOSEPH H TAYLOR 0780342
2D LT HERBERT B TIFFIN 0709693	2D LT ANGELO A VALATO 02060815
2D LT ROBERT S WALTON 02056309	FLT O EARL A BENSON T123481
FLT O CLAIR L HINES T123486	FLT O DAVID A NICOL T3723
T SGT BERNADO ACCURSO 38427369	T SGT HAROLD J ANDERSON 20656487
T SGT HARRY M ANDERSON 36325843	T SGT GEORGE H ARNOLD 31211793
T SGT ROBERT N BANBURY 16080094	T SGT ROY M BELCO 36585067
T SGT EDESEL H BIRDSALL 16115467	T SGT CLARENCE BLACKMAN 17165637

T SGT PAUL B BROWN 14001293
 T SGT CHARLES C CURD 37414494
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 T SGT HARVEY J FRNKA 19165125
 T SGT EARL L HAGMATER 15170688
 T SGT TOM P JAMES 38371432
 T SGT NICK KIMPON 15353778
 T SGT JOSEPH E LALLY 16058949
 T SGT GUY A MATARELLI 36052610
 T SGT LEON MAYES 18039991
 T SGT JOHN D MC MULLIN 18160102
 T SGT JEROME J PHILLIPS 16156970
 T SGT CHARLES E ROBERTS JR 34338670
 T SGT ALBERTO A RUSSO 11089149
 T SGT JOSEPH L SIGMON 18130460
 T SGT LEO C STEVENSON 31130135
 T SGT ANGELO A TORRISI 31083707
 T SGT CHARLES C WEAVER 15067223
 S SGT ARTHUR D BANDY 17012679
 S SGT ARTHUR BRISACHER 32461122
 S SGT THOMAS P BYRNES 31171958
 S SGT MELVIN DE VINNEY 37357373
 S SGT EARL J DOOLEY 37058510
 S SGT JOHN D FRANKS 36647664
 S SGT JACK D GAMBLE 35520206
 S SGT WILLIAM H GROVE 37538602
 S SGT IRA J HABERLE 16063037
 S SGT JOHN W HAYES 18231687
 S SGT THOMAS B HERMANSON 18024423
 S SGT HAROLD J HEXIMER 20216609
 S SGT HENRY H HOFMANN 35257259
 S SGT MICHAEL HOMZA 33621339
 S SGT THOMAS N HURD 39271985
 S SGT GEORGE R JONES JR 32852914
 S SGT HUBERT A LASHER 35022546
 S SGT JERRY A LEBIN 12155152
 S SGT HARRY J LOVELESS JR 39088693
 S SGT HUGH H MATHEWS 11094969
 S SGT RALPH W MANSCH 36648160
 S SGT JOE L MC GRARY 6994327
 S SGT HOWARD M OGLESBY 15341567
 S SGT HENRY M PERRY 36481338
 S SGT PAUL J POLEGA 33624241
 S SGT GEORGE D PRINDLE 36161142
 S SGT WILLIAM J SAKOVICH 37606124
 S SGT HOMER A SCOTT 20591907
 S SGT LUTHER B VESSELL 34720014
 S SGT ROBERT W WOOD 20270301
 SGT CECIL A ALMOND 18210134
 SGT WALTER J BAEPFLER 17071888
 SGT BENJAMIN BISHOP 32724210
 SGT STANLEY L BURICH 36692638

T SGT HOUSTON H CLEVELAND 14106990
 T SGT GEORGE A DAVIS 13120523
 T SGT RALPH D ERVIN 17039900
 T SGT JACK B GUTSHALL 39164473
 T SGT LLOYD H HUDMAN 12146854
 T SGT MILAS H KENNINGTON 18209452
 T SGT JOHN J KOSTRO 32435313
 T SGT HAROLD L LAWTON 39010405
 T SGT ANDREW S MAY JR 38414842
 T SGT JAMES J MAZZOLA 35054297
 T SGT JOHN E O'NEILL 11055515
 T SGT JOSEPH A POSPICAL 37468582
 T SGT JAMES E RUCKS 14135763
 T SGT HAROLD T SANDEN 17079266
 T SGT JOHN M SJRMAN 18216554
 T SGT VINCENT L SUTTER 19095061
 T SGT NORMAN H WALLACE 34607008
 S SGT CECIL C ALLEN 39831130
 S SGT JACK D BENHAM 18130075
 S SGT RAYMOND P BRYANT II 14058404
 S SGT CHARLES CHRIST 33326688
 S SGT GORDON F DOMRES 16049632
 S SGT WILLIAM C FINDLE 13089603
 S SGT WAYNE S FULTON 38471134
 S SGT EUGENE M GOHL 19112061
 S SGT EDWARD R GUSTAFSON 35172018
 S SGT JOHN J HARRIS 33080060
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 S SGT ROBERT W HOLLIS 19002863
 S SGT JOHN P HUNGELMANN 13074743
 S SGT THOMAS E JOHNSON 16057400
 S SGT KENNETH W KRICK 38403494
 S SGT AUBREY G LEBARD JR 39281479
 S SGT RUDOLPH LIEBSACK 37072788
 S SGT WINSTON T MARTIN 38260419
 S SGT ADRIAN L MEACHAM 35235565
 S SGT VERNON C MARTIN 36736125
 S SGT FRANCIS G NICKOLA 32725607
 S SGT GARLAND W PASCHALL 34732790
 S SGT ALBERT E PIKUL 31325224
 S SGT CHARLES R PRESSEL 15104558
 S SGT JACK F RUDLER 35685651
 S SGT RICHARD W SCHWINDEN 17037443
 S SGT JAMES W TEDDER 37234037
 S SGT CHARLES R WEAVER 35345718
 S SGT CLYDE M WRIGHT JR 36161107
 SGT SHELBY C AMOS JR 38442497
 SGT ELMER J BAILEY 34548193
 SGT WILLIAM H BRAZEAU 36834628
 SGT FRANCIS M BURNS 33051609

SGT ROBERT L CREANEY 13070953
 SGT JAMES R EVANS 34782704
 SGT EDWIN W FOUTCH 36753305
 SGT WALLACE D FREEMAN 37577789
 S SGT ALFRED L NEWELL 34793062
 SGT NELSON M REYNOLDS 35350207
 CPL CHARLES H ALVEY 37357435
 CPL VERNON C BERRY 19064259
 CPL DEAN J BLACKWOOD 37513934
 CPL ANDREW A BROWN 16130645
 CPL GORDON E BURLISON 19137271
 CPL JAMES T CLAMPETT 15363941
 CPL EDMUND CULLEN 11045735
 CPL VIRGIL M FREY 19137960
 CPL KEITH A HUBER 37654448
 CPL RICHARD P KOVAR 38558137
 CPL ROBERT E LEVIS 12226242
 CPL GEORGE R MILKAITIS 31182763
 CPL EARL M MC CUTCHEON 19158106
 CPL THOMAS H MC REYNOLDS 33851452
 CPL LOREN W PARGEN 37527887
 CPL PETER A PIUCCI 32632574
 CPL JEROLD E RODDA 38541696
 CPL MARVIN M ROUNSAVILLE 18086346
 CPL HENRY F SODANO 13124358
 PFC RALPH J CELENTANO 32819277
 PVT JAMES P DURKIN 17091817

SGT RICHARD A DAVID 16068166
 SGT JAMES M FAHEY JR 37613911
 SGT CARL B FOX JR 35773987
 SGT LEWIS A FRENCH 37576660
 SGT KENNETH J PETERSON 39102500
 SGT HAROLD VAN LARE 12166949
 CPL JASON E ARNOLD 33607799
 CPL WILLIAM R BIEBER 13158705
 CPL VICTOR W BLEAU 31407664
 CPL HAROLD C BURCH 38403625
 CPL ANDREW A BYRNE 13106182
 CPL KENNETH P COLTRANE 37357434
 CPL ROBERT L EGENBERGER 37357884
 CPL JOHN W HEUER 42001327
 CPL CARL R KERN 17151506
 CPL FREDERICK W LAMMERS III 35877437
 CPL RUDOLPH F MAZZANTI 33034367
 CPL ROY E MORTIMORE 37676974
 CPL GERALD F MC MANUS 33781835
 CPL JOHN H OEHM 33690910
 CPL GERALD A PHELPS 18078579
 CPL WILLIAM R RASMUSSEN 36837352
 CPL MARIO RODRIGUES 42104138
 CPL CHESTER L SAUNDERS 37537014
 CPL GEORGE L WISER 36835353
 PVT GEORGE C ATKINS 34829280
 PVT ROBERT C O'HARA 15364253

SECTION II

AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY): - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49 W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 22, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, an Air Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945 to 19 February 1945. During this period, each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

1ST LT HERBERT E BOWDEN 0567391
 2D LT ARTHUR P LEITZ 0770694
 2D LT EARL A SWANSON 0776691
 SGT KESLER W HARBIN 18162134
 CPL JOHN G MILLER JR 39467993
 CPL ALEXANDER YENKO 12135365

2D LT LAURENCE T FUGLAAR JR 0718607
 2D LT GEORGE P SEROOGY JR 02060598
 CPL RALPH C CURRY 32723487
 CPL MARTIN J KENEFACE JR 38578663
 CPL HUGH S MC CALL JR 20445733

SECTION III

AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION): - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 17, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers, Air Corps, United States Army, (MISSING IN ACTION), for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 28 October 1944 to 26 November 1944. During this period, each officer, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

1ST LT RICHARD J MEAGHER 0676233

2D LT PAUL E VINROOT 0770481

SECTION IV

AWARD OF FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial operations against the enemy from 22 August 1944 to 13 February 1945. During this period each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

COL JOHN J MORROW 017150

CAPT BORIS Y KUTNER 0368955

1ST LT EDGAR J ALEXANDER 0483707

1ST LT CHARLES A BALDWIN JR 0691629

1ST LT FRANCIS L BRODERICK 0707220

1ST LT WILLIAM R CASTEEL 0765598

1ST LT BURNELL M DIEHL 0768941

1ST LT ANTHONY J EBERTZ 0816440

1ST LT CARLTON F GARLOCK 01010376

1ST LT RICHARD F GUNNINK 0772352

1ST LT ELMER B HARVEY 0764010

1ST LT CLINTON E JENCKS 0670746

1ST LT RALPH B KENNEDY 0806271

CAPT JORDAN M CHURCHILL 0791388

CAPT REX R RHEA 0660202

1ST LT VERNON R ARMSTRONG 0767965

1ST LT HOWARD E BETTIS 0696314

1ST LT CLARE T CARROLL 0696747

1ST LT BENJAMIN R COOK JR 0806624

1ST LT EDWARD F DUFFY JR 0702025

1ST LT WILLIAM F ELKINS JR 0762043

1ST LT STEWART P GREENE 0772348

1ST LT CHARLES E HARDY 0707386

1ST LT JOHN C HOLLAND 0709380

1ST LT GEORGE J KELLER 0761116

1ST LT LOREN B KINNEY 0761122

1ST LT JOHN J KOCHIS 0699075
 1ST LT JACK LOOMIS 0694007
 1ST LT ROGER M NELSON 0762939
 1ST LT RAYMOND A PETROFSKY 0701281
 1ST LT LEONARD V PORTER JR 0693403
 1ST LT PHILIP A REILLY 0691802
 1ST LT BALFOUR Z ROUTH 0762950
 1ST LT JIMMY R SOUTHARD 0766971
 1ST LT ROBERT L STONE 0696041
 1ST LT ROBERT TWINING JR 0704333
 1ST LT RICHARD T WALSH JR 0712710
 1ST LT HAROLD WOLOZ 0762030
 2D LT BYRON CARDAMENIS 02054123
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 T SGT ALBERT W BAILEY 17054701
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 T SGT EVERETT L HOLLENBECK 37495323
 T SGT JOHN KUNDRAT 11094564
 T SGT GEORGE LEHMAN 32863190
 T SGT ANDREW S MAY JR 38414842
 T SGT EUGENE W MOSS 12036967
 T SGT HOWARD J O'BRIEN 17024951
 T SGT HAROLD T SANDEN 17079266
 T SGT LEO C STEVENSON 31130135
 T SGT WILLIAM J WELSBY 17091875
 S SGT ROBERT W BALDWIN 39329020
 S SGT JACK D BENHAM 18130075
 S SGT JOHN R BROWNING 16129804
 S SGT JOHN A BURKS 19182747
 S SGT ALFRED L CECIL 35628601
 S SGT THEODORE DEAN 32750003
 S SGT NICHOLAS J GOETZINGER 35539780
 S SGT JOHN W HAYES 13231687
 S SGT THOMAS B HERMANSON 18024423
 S SGT JACK C HICKS 35823045
 S SGT HARRY R HOSTETTER 20841367
 S SGT EUGENE C LARIE 15145732
 S SGT HUBERT A LASTER 35022546
 S SGT VI TO V MASTRANGELO 32434911
 S SGT EDWARD B MURKO 18011965
 S SGT JOE L MC GRARY 6934327
 S SGT CLARENCE E REEFINE 30625241
 S SGT GERALD G SCHENCKOCK 16148674
 S SGT IRVIN F TANNER JR 33634794
 S SGT EVERETT R TORGENSEN 17143739
 S SGT JOHNNY R WILLIAMS 38414257
 S SGT PAUL F ZEH 32029278

1ST LT ARMAS W KOIVISTO 0707278
 1ST LT BILLIE J MC GARVEY 0768181
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 1ST LT EUGENE R PITTMAN 0685091
 1ST LT WILLIAM A REAVEY JR 0700660
 1ST LT FREDERICK W RICHARDS 0696597
 1ST LT AMERICO SCALZILLI 0764799
 1ST LT BYRON F SPEECE JR 0702500
 1ST LT JOHN W TOOMEY 0683165
 1ST LT JAMES E WALKER 0703075
 1ST LT CHARLES L WEST 0702080
 1ST LT OTTO B ZACH 0708233
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 T SGT ROBERT E MOYERS 16168835
 T SGT JOSEPH PALMA 19126274
 T SGT CLIFFORD STANSBERRY 13128850
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 S SGT WILLIS R HUDSON 19126168
 S SGT HIRAM G LANGLEY JR 34509780
 S SGT EDWARD V LEE 35769896
 S SGT KENNETH MOLLAN 37555116
 S SGT THOMAS J MC CARTY 17132335
 S SGT FRANCIS G NICKOLA 32725607
 S SGT JACK F RUDLER 35685651
 S SGT JOSEPH M SOLBRACK 37560057
 S SGT CLIFTON E TEMPLETON 35771924
 S SGT NICK A TSIROPOULOS 34651773
 S SGT ROBERT W WOOD 20270301
 SGT KALE R ALEXANDER 14139183

SGT SHELBY C AMOS JR 38442497
 SGT WILLIAM H BRAZEAU 36834628
 SGT CARL B FOX JR 35773987
 SGT LEWIS A FRENCH 37576660
 SGT DONALD P SMITH 39338785
 CPL CHESTER L SAUNDERS 37537014
 CPL DONALD A THOMS 37676917

SGT ZOLTAN E BALLA 19127167
 SGT JAMES M FAHEY JR 37613911
 SGT WALLACE D FREEMAN 37577789
 SGT JOSEPH A SLEVIN 16031304
 CPL HAROLD C BURCH 38403625
 CPL RICHARD R STREITMATTER 16055405
 PFC RALPH J CELENTANO 32819277

SECTION V

AWARD OF FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY): - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17, 18, and 22, AR 650-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded POSTHUMOUSLY by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 15 February 1945 to 18 March 1945. During this period, each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, which reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

2D LT LAURENCE T FUGLAAR JR 0718605
 SGT KESLER W HARBIN 18162134

2D LT ARTHUR P LEITZ 0770694

SECTION VI

AWARD OF FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION): - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, (MISSING IN ACTION), for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 20 December 1943 to 29 November 1944. During this period each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy held bases and shipping, which reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

CAPT CHARLES F PRATTE JR 0797602

1ST LT RANDOLPH H BALL 02045315

1ST LT RICHARD J MEAGHER 0676233
 T SGT WILLIAM A MASHAW 32449547
 S SGT WILLIAM J FARRELL 32490115
 S SGT ARTHUR T MALONEY 32456436

2D LT PAUL E VINROOT 0770481
 T SGT JOHN SLAWSKY 12095349
 S SGT JOSEPH R HYSON 32429714

SECTION VII

AWARD OF SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 25 September 1944 to 10 February 1945. During this period, each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

COL JOHN J MORROW 017150
 CAPT JORDAN M CHURCHILL 0791388
 CAPT BORIS Y KUTNER 0366955
 CAPT HARVEY S TREVITT JR 0421785
 1ST LT VERNON R ARMSTRONG 0767965
 1ST LT HOWARD E BETTIS 0696314
 1ST LT CHARLES D BUGHER 0707766
 1ST LT WILLIAM R CASTEEL 0765398
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 1ST LT JOHN C HOLLAND 0709380
 1ST LT CLINTON E JENCKS 0670746
 1ST LT EARL P KELLEY 0764334
 1ST LT LOREN B KINNEY 0761122
 1ST LT JOHN J KOCHIS 0699075
 1ST LT JACK LOOMIS 0694007
 1ST LT DONALD H MURRAY 02054075
 1ST LT ROGER M NELSON 0762939
 1ST LT RAYMOND A PETROFSKY 0701281
 1ST LT LEONARD V PORTER JR 0693403
 1ST LT PHILIP A REILLY 0691802

COL RUSSELL L WALDRON 020023
 CAPT BRYAN J FARMER 0448068
 CAPT REX R RHEA 0660202
 1ST LT JOHN F AGEE 0758282
 1ST LT CHARLES A BALDWIN JR 0691629
 1ST LT FRANCIS L BRODERICK 0707220
 1ST LT CLARE T CARROLL 0696747
 1ST LT BENJAMIN R COOK JR 0806624
 1ST LT EDWARD F DUFFY JR 0702025
 1ST LT WILLIAM F ELKINS JR 0762043
 1ST LT MAX J GARDNER JR 0693667
 1ST LT STEWART P GREENE 0772348
 1ST LT KEITH P GORDON 0768070
 1ST LT CHARLES E HARDY 0707386
 1ST LT EARL W HELMERS 0706860
 1ST LT MAX HONEYMAN 0758342
 1ST LT GEORGE J KELLER 0761116
 1ST LT RALPH B KENNEDY 0806271
 1ST LT FRANK H KNEELAND 0698732
 1ST LT ARMAS W KOIVISTO 0707278
 1ST LT JOHN J LUTHER 0702064
 1ST LT BILLIE J MC GARVEY 0768181
 1ST LT NORMAN H NEUBERT 0697493
 1ST LT EUGENE R PITTMAN 0685091
 1ST LT WILLIAM A REAVEY JR 0700660
 1ST LT FREDERICK W RICHARDS 0696597

1ST LT BALFOUR Z ROUTH 0762950	1ST LT AMERICO SCALZILLI 0764799
1ST LT ERNEST J SODERMAN JR 0701325	1ST LT JIMMY R SOUTHARD 0766971
1ST LT BYRON F SPEECE JR 0702500	1ST LT ROBERT L STONE 0696041
1ST LT SAMUEL F SWANCUIT JR 0708380	1ST LT JOHN W TOOMEY 0683165
1ST LT ROBERT TWINING JR 0704333	1ST LT PETER E USTASIEWSKI 0707357
1ST LT WARREN A WAGNER 0704334	1ST LT JAMES E WALKER 0703075
1ST LT RICHARD T WALSH JR 0712710	1ST LT FARLEY W WARNER 0739061
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S SGT EUGENE C KARLE 15195732	S SGT HIRAM G LANGLEY JR 34509780
S SGT MELVIN D LARSON 17113023	S SGT HUBERT A LASHER 35022546
S SGT EDWARD V LEE 35769895	S SGT PHILIP L LOVELESS 35624746
S SGT VITO V MASTRANDREA 32434911	S SGT ELVIN L MATTHEW 37704778
S SGT KENNETH MOLLAN 37555116	S SGT EDWARD H MUNRO 16011965
S SGT THOMAS J MC CARTY 17132335	S SGT JOE L MC CRARY 6994327
S SGT MARION A NEUNER 32671282	S SGT FRANCIS G NICKOLA 32725607
S SGT ROLLEY D OMOHUNDRO 36748504	S SGT CLARENCE E REPINE 20625241
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S SGT JACK F RUDLER 35685651	S SGT FRANK SALERNI 32706980
S SGT WARREN T SAUER 32511559	S SGT GERALD G SCHOENROCK 16148674
S SGT KENNETH L SMITH 35097342	S SGT JOSEPH M SOLDRAK 37560057
S SGT VIRBIN L SOLLEE 19179651	S SGT ELVIN L STANLEY 18037361
S SGT WILLIAM A STRASSER 32351308	S SGT IRVIN F TANNER JR 33634794
S SGT CLIFTON E TEMPLETON 35771924	S SGT EVERETT R TORGERSON 17143739
S SGT NICK A TSIROPOULOS 34651773	S SGT WILLARD F TURNER 37668339
S SGT JOHNNY R WILLIAMS 38414257	S SGT ROBERT W WOOD 20270301
S SGT PAUL F ZEH 32029278	SGT KALE R ALEXANDER 14139183
SGT SHELBY C AMOS JR 38442497	SGT ZOLTAN E BALLA 19127167
SGT WILLIAM H BRAZEAU 36834628	SGT JAMES M FAHEY JR 37613911
SGT CARL B FOX JR 35773987	SGT WALLACE D FREEMAN 37577789
SGT LEWIS A FRENCH 37576660	SGT WILLIAM M GROUT 14046046
SGT JOHN J KELLY 39844424	SGT BERNARD A MULLEN 11048918
SGT FRANKLYN W FLEMMONS 34774490	SGT DONALD P SMITH 39338785
CPL RICHARD R STREITMATTER 16056405	CPL DONALD A THOMS 37676917
PFC ROBERT P ABRAMOWITZ 32824676	PFC RALPH J CELENTANO 32819277

SECTION VIII

AWARD OF SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION): -
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army (Missing in Action), for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 22 November 1944 to 21 December 1944. During this period, each as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflect-

ing great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

CAPT CHARLES F PRATTE JR 0797602
1ST LT RICHARD J MEAGHER 0676233
T SGT WILLIAM H MASHAW 32449547
S SGT WILLIAM J FARRELL 32490115
S SGT ARTHUR T MALONEY 32456436

1ST LT RANDOLPH H BALL 02045315
2D LT PAUL E VINROOT 0770481
T SGT JOHN SLAWSKY 12095349
S SGT JOSEPH R HYSON 32429714

SECTION IX

AWARD OF THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 19 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. During this period each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

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CAPT JORDAN M CHURCHILL 0791388
CAPT BORIS Y KUTNER 0366955
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1ST LT ANTHONY J EBERTZ 0816440
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COL RUSSELL L WALDRON 020023
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 1ST LT RAYMOND A PETROFSKY 0701281
 1ST LT LEONARD V PORTER JR 0693403
 1ST LT PHILIP A REILLY 0691802
 1ST LT RALFOUR Z ROUTH 0762950
 1ST LT AMERICO SCALZILLI 0764799
 1ST LT ERNEST J SODERMAN JR 0701325
 1ST LT BYRON F SPENCE JR 0702500
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SECTION X

AWARD OF THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION): - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, (Missing In Action), for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 14 December 1944 to 6 January 1945. During this period each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment type airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, which reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

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SECTION XI

AWARD OF FOURTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 11 September 1944 to 27 February 1945.

During this period, each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

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SECTION XII

AWARD OF FOURTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION): -
 By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to T SGT JOHN SLAWSKY, 12095349, Air Corps,

United States Army, (Missing in Action), for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 2 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. During this period, T SGT SLAWSKY, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, T SGT SLAWSKY displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces.

SECTION XIII

AWARD OF FIFTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9158, 11 September 1942, (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 18 September 1944 to 18 March 1945. During this period each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

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 SGT WILLIAM M GROUT 14046046
 SGT FRANKLYN W PLEMMONS 34774490
 CPL RICHARD R STREITMATTER 16055405

SGT KALE R ALEXANDER 14139183
 SGT PHILIP L BARG 37535822
 SGT LEWIS A FRENCH 37576660
 SGT BERNARD A MULLEN 11048918
 CPL ROBERT SHERBURNE 20105991
 CPL DONALD A THOMAS 37676917

SECTION XIV

AWARD OF SIXTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 16 October 1944 to 29 March 1945. During this period, each officer and enlisted man, as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases, involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

MAJ JESSE E STAY 0661886
 CAPT JAMES M CONNOR JR 0392703
 CAPT THOMAS W HEFFERAN JR 0428232
 CAPT LLOYD T PERRON 0725474
 CAPT REX R RHEA 0660202
 1ST LT JOHN F AGEE 0758282
 1ST LT LELAND A BATES 0690174
 1ST LT HOWARD E BETTIS 0696314
 1ST LT JACK M BUCKEY 0318809
 1ST LT WILLIAM R CASTEL 0765398
 1ST LT CHARLES H COOPER 0764241
 1ST LT EDWARD F DUFFY JR 0702025
 1ST LT EDWARD A FEDERER JR 0709471
 1ST LT ELMER J FRANK 01181251
 1ST LT LONNIE J EGGLESTON 0446026
 1ST LT WILLIAM H GILZINGER 0795231
 1ST LT KEITH P GORDON 0768070
 1ST LT CHARLES E HARDY 0707386
 1ST LT EARL W HELMERS 0706860
 1ST LT MAX HONEYMAN 0758342
 1ST LT CLINTON E JENCKS 0670746
 1ST LT CARL E JOHNSON JR 0413830
 1ST LT GEORGE J KELLER 0761116
 1ST LT FRANK H KNEELAND 0698732
 1ST LT JOSEPH E KUPETS 0707280

CAPT JORDAN M CHURCHILL 0791388
 CAPT WILLIAM M CRAMPTON 01699409
 CAPT BORIS Y KUTNER 0366955
 CAPT ARTHUR H PETERSON 0661555
 CAPT HARVEY S TREWITT JR 0421785
 1ST LT VERNON R ARMSTRONG 0767965
 1ST LT ROBERT S BEAN 0691591
 1ST LT PHILIP E BOWMAN 0816408
 1ST LT CLARE T CARROLL 0696747
 1ST LT BENJAMIN R COOK JR 0806624
 1ST LT AARON C CUMMINS 0765400
 1ST LT RAYMOND H FACERMAN 0691358
 1ST LT JACK FLORA 0707885
 1ST LT ELMER M FROMAN 0708076
 1ST LT CARLTON F GARLOCK 01010376
 1ST LT BARNEY L GLENN 0707522
 1ST LT STANTON W GROTEHUIS 0761079
 1ST LT EARL L HEIDICK 0749237
 1ST LT ALVA J HODSON 0697358
 1ST LT WALTER T HOUGHTON 0695916
 1ST LT EDWIN A JERMALINSKI 0709390
 1ST LT WILLIAM J KARP 0673580
 1ST LT EARL P KELLEY 0764334
 1ST LT ARMAS W KOIVISTO 0707278
 1ST LT EVERETT F MARTIN 0700953

1ST LT STEPHEN J MAZUREK 0768472	1ST LT DONALD H MURRAY 02054075
1ST LT JOSEPH E MC GRATH 0765282	1ST LT ERNEST C MC MIKLE 0768188
1ST LT ROGER M NELSON 0762939	1ST LT DONALD D OTT 0760511
1ST LT MICHAEL P PAGLIARO 0704307	1ST LT FRANK F PAZONA 0807039
1ST LT CHARLES A PETERSON 0766349	1ST LT EUGENE R PITTMAN 0685091
1ST LT LEONARD V PORTER JR 0693403	1ST LT HAROLD K PULLIAM 02045284
1ST LT WILLIAM A REAVEY JR 0700660	1ST LT PHILIP A REILLY 0691802
1ST LT FREDERICK W RICHARDS 0696597	1ST LT BALFOUR Z ROUTH 0762950
1ST LT JOHN R SCHROEDER 0668791	1ST LT PHILIP S SCHWARTZMAN 0697506
1ST LT LEROY E SHERRILL 0764935	1ST LT DEAN L STAFFORD 0702974
1ST LT ROBERT L STONE 0696041	1ST LT WILLIAM F SULLIVAN 0696272
1ST LT SAMUEL F SWANCUTT JR 0708380	1ST LT THOMAS C THOMANN 0754305
1ST LT JOHN W TOOMEY 0683165	1ST LT EMANUEL N TURANO 0762974
1ST LT PETER E USTASIEWSKI 0707357	1ST LT WARREN A WAGNER 0704334
1ST LT FARLEY W WARNER 0739061	1ST LT CHARLES L WEST 0702080
1ST LT JOHN J WHITESIDE 0712967	1ST LT HAROLD WOLOZ 0762030
2D LT WALTER E ALBITZ JR 02054080	2D LT THOMAS P DAVIDSON 0753065
2D LT GLEN H DEVOIR 02054136	2D LT JAMES DOLAN 0751281
2D LT JAMES J DONWELLAN JR 0698272	2D LT HARRY EBELING JR 02054079
2D LT ANTHONY G HARRISON 02054137	2D LT PAUL E HEEDWOHL 0694768
2D LT FRANCIS G HENSEL 0805917	2D LT DAVID MEIXNER 0687884
2D LT THOMAS R MOORE 02054138	2D LT ELMER P OZE 02054122
2D LT JESSE M PARKER JR 0711469	2D LT DONALD J PILS 0673885
2D LT LEON B RAEBURN 0691801	2D LT LOWELL H RICH 0704312
2D LT HENRY K SAMPLES 0697502	2D LT FRANKLIN T THOMPSON 0755456
FLT C CLAIR L HINES T123486	T SGT HAROLD J ANDERSON 20656487
T SGT BERNARD J ANDRYCHOWSKI 13043151	T SGT GEORGE H ARNOLD 31211793
T SGT ALBERT W BAILEY 17054701	T SGT FRANK R BENEDETTO 32634817
T SGT EDWARD J BERGER JR 36812964	T SGT FLOYD D BLACK JR 15354155
T SGT CHARLES BOGDON 13055832	T SGT CHARLES H BRADFORD 13167602
T SGT FRANK D BROERMANN 36015035	T SGT LYNELL BYNUM 34665430
T SGT JOSEPH K CAGNEY 31115398	T SGT JOHN M CLOSE 11069064
T SGT CARL L COMBS 33627088	T SGT RALPH H DAUGHERTY JR 13124728
T SGT FRANK T DORSEY 39150140	T SGT JOHN T DURDEN 34057227
T SGT OSCAR J ECKARDT 17169743	T SGT GERALD H EKKER 39694044
T SGT WALTER A FARNHAM 12154683	T SGT CHARLES E FAULHABER 33419002
T SGT JOSEPH L FIELD 34470593	T SGT JAMES B FLEMING 20217349
T SGT ARTHUR J FRITZ 36559552	T SGT HARVEY J FRANK 19165125
T SGT ERWIN GEIGER 12156141	T SGT STANTON K GLEASON 18197574
T SGT WILLIAM E GORLICK 33394516	T SGT BOB E GRAVES 19172100
T SGT RAYMOND R GRZESKOWIAK 16171639	T SGT CLARENCE W HAIG 39092747
T SGT HAROLD E HAWKINS 14142086	T SGT GEORGE P HELMS 34670185
T SGT JESSE G HODGES 18016288	T SGT ALBERT C JEWELL 38466427
T SGT MYRLON T JOHNSON 34670490	T SGT JAMES W JOHNSTONE 16027746
T SGT CHARLES B JONES 37515107	T SGT NICHOLAS KASHINO 12209101
T SGT NICK KIMPON 15353778	T SGT GEORGE LEHMAN 32863190
T SGT VERNON H LYON 32742039	T SGT HARRY A MICKIE 16101185
T SGT ROBERT E MOYERS 16168835	T SGT JOSEPH F MC MAHON 31127669
T SGT HOWARD J O'BRIEN 17024951	T SGT JOSEPH PALMA 19126274
T SGT MICHAEL A RONZIO 36656812	T SGT LESTER H SCEARCE JR 13033593
T SGT WALTER W SHANNON 11094728	T SGT TAYLOR F SHAN 38002972

T SGT ANDREW G SHIVERS 14015336
 T SGT CLIFFORD STANSBERRY 13128850
 T SGT NEIL E STONE 34782700
 T SGT WILLIAM A WENGLE 36577327
 T SGT ROBERT D WHITMAN 12157787
 T SGT JOHN C YANKUS JR 32182941
 S SGT GERALD V ARMSTRONG 37622815
 S SGT FREDERICK E BAKER JR 32752859
 S SGT TALBERT M BENNETT 19097053
 S SGT RICHARD D BLEVINS 19181617
 S SGT RAYMOND P BRYANT II 14058404
 S SGT CHARLES L CAIN 33409403
 S SGT ROGER J CAWLEY 37557066
 S SGT ERNEST K CHARLTON JR 34711440
 S SGT FRANK E CINCINELLO 12207584
 S SGT SAMUEL J COPPOLA 15340665
 S SGT LEO G CUNNINGHAM 37119341
 S SGT RUSSELL J DAFFRON 39208524
 S SGT JEROME J DARWIN 37415150
 S SGT JOSEPH B DAVIS JR 14091453
 S SGT DONALD R DAVISON 37034986
 S SGT MICHAEL J DE BRINO 31316113
 S SGT HENRY F EAMES 33532920
 S SGT LESTER R GARRETT JR 38441898
 S SGT EDGAR R GLASS 34200563
 S SGT DARYLE L GREENE 38512511
 S SGT DELBERT D HAWN 37574603
 S SGT GEORGE D HENSLEY 35373343
 S SGT JACK C HICKS 35523045
 S SGT HARRY R HOSTETTER 20841367
 S SGT EDWIN E HUMPHRIES 37538608
 S SGT WILLIAM N KLEINDIENST 35588499
 S SGT HIRAM G LANDLEY JR 34509780
 S SGT HUBERT A LASHER 35022546
 S SGT CECIL C LINDLEY 20725403
 S SGT RAYMOND A MASLANKA 32739304
 S SGT WILLIAM A MITCHELL 38555277
 S SGT THOMAS J MC CARTY 17132335
 S SGT ALBERT E MELNES 12198159
 S SGT ROBERT W OGDEN 19013776
 S SGT JOSEPH L PACE 35496034
 S SGT DOLORES M PENA 39282775
 S SGT CLARENCE E REPINE 20625241
 S SGT WILLIAM E ROBINSON 39264794
 S SGT GERALD G SCHOENROCK 16148674
 S SGT ARNOLD J SHUMAN 15130683
 S SGT THOMAS E SMITH 37537486
 S SGT FRANK J SPRING 32768718
 S SGT ELVIN L STANLEY 18037361
 S SGT WILLIAM A STRASSER 32351308
 S SGT CLIFTON E TEMPLETON 35771924
 S SGT EVERETT R TORGERSON 17143739

T SGT ANTHONY C SIMONE 6991723
 T SGT LEO C STEVENSON 31130135
 T SGT WILLIAM J WELSBY 17091875
 T SGT RICHARD H WHELAN 15058934
 T SGT ARRON V WILLIAMS 18128690
 S SGT MELFORD R ALRED 6281518
 S SGT KENNETH B BAETH 19143288
 S SGT ROBERT W BALDWIN 39329020
 S SGT JAMES W BLACKMORE 39606042
 S SGT JOHN R BROWNING 16129804
 S SGT THOMAS P BYRNES 31171956
 S SGT KIRK CAMPBELL 39410255
 S SGT ALFRED L CECIL 35628601
 S SGT BOBBY G CHISM 38564241
 S SGT JAMES B COOK 35584233
 S SGT WALTER W CRAIG 18189702
 S SGT EDWARD T CURTIN 16075507
 S SGT HOWARD F DALTON 6278414
 S SGT JOE E DAVIS 38555649
 S SGT THOMAS L DAVIS 33091266
 S SGT THEODORE DEAN 32750003
 S SGT CHARLES A DENNIS 37539629
 S SGT JAMES W EDWARDS 34645697
 S SGT JAMES B GIBBS JR 37414239
 S SGT ABBA GOLDSTEIN 20346955
 S SGT WILLIAM M HARTMAN 36731773
 S SGT JOHN W HAYES 18231687
 S SGT THOMAS B HERMANSON 18024423
 S SGT ARTHUR HOLQUIN 39276128
 S SGT WILLIS R HUDSON 19126168
 S SGT ALVIN E JANICKE 17028255
 S SGT DELBERT W KNOX 17091023
 S SGT MELVIN D LARSON 17113023
 S SGT EDWARD V LEE 35769895
 S SGT PHILIP L LOVELESS 35624746
 S SGT ELVIN L MATTHEW 37704778
 S SGT EDWARD H MUNRO 16011965
 S SGT JOHN R MC COY 15134219
 S SGT MARON A NEUMER 32671282
 S SGT ROLLEY D OMOHUNDRO 36748504
 S SGT SAMUEL A PAOLELLA 33790284
 S SGT JAMES F REILLY 32708140
 S SGT JOHN I RICHARDS 39530119
 S SGT WARREN T SAUER 32511559
 S SGT WILLIAM E SCHULDT 17119339
 S SGT KENNETH L SMITH 33097342
 S SGT VIRBIN L SOLLEE 19179651
 S SGT DESMOND W STAFSLIEN 37549488
 S SGT JACK V STEVENSON 6573756
 S SGT IRVIN F TANNER JR 33634794
 S SGT WILLIAM A TODD JR 18168025
 S SGT NICK A TSIROPOULOS 34651773

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 SGT WILLIS F DEBOLT 39203867
 SGT ORVILLE F GROVE 36668304
 SGT FRANKLYN W PLEMONS 34774490
 CPL ROBERT SHERBURNE 20105991

SECTION XV

AWARD OF SEVENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and six Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the seventh Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 21 December 1944 to 11 March 1945. During this period, each officer and enlisted man as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

MAJ JESSE E STAY 0661886
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 T SGT BERNARD J ANDRYCHOWSKI 13043151
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SECTION XVI

AWARD OF EIGHTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provision of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Lt Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and seven Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded the eighth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 3 January 1945 to 23 February 1945. During this period, each as a crew member of a heavy

bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

1ST LT WILLIAM H GILZINGER 0759231
T SGT JOSEPH K CAGNEY 31115398
T SGT TAYLOR F SHAW 38002972

1ST LT HAROLD K PULLIAM 02045284
T SGT JAMES B FLEMING 20217349

SECTION XVII

AWARD OF NINTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and eight Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the ninth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 21 January 1945 to 17 February 1945. During this period, each as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

1ST LT WILLIAM H GILZINGER 0759231
T SGT JAMES B FLEMING 20217349

T SGT JOSEPH K CAGNEY 31115398

SECTION XVIII

AWARD OF TENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL: - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. No. 49, W.D., 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraphs 17 and 18, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Ltr Hq AAFPOA, 18 October 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and nine Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, the tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Seventh Air Force, to the following named officer and enlisted man, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy from 11 February 1945 to 3 March 1945. During this period, each as a crew member of a heavy bombardment airplane, participated in numerous missions against heavily defended enemy held bases involving long over water flights to and from the target. Throughout these operations, which were accomplished with distinction above and beyond that normally expected, each displayed high skill and courage, inflicting severe damage to enemy air bases and shipping, reflecting great credit

upon himself and the Army Air Forces:

1ST LT WILLIAM H GILZINGER 0795231

T SGT JAMES B FLEMING 20217349

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL FLOOD:...

OFFICIAL:

WILLIAM J. FLOOD,
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

R. J. Erickson
R. J. ERICKSON,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.


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10 May 1945.

3. It is with pride that this commendation is passed to those whose
efforts are so deserving of such notice.

s/ John J. Morrow,
t/ JOHN J. MORROW,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:


HENRY P. RAHALEY,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant, 42d Bomb Sq (H).

HEADQUARTERS
STRATEGIC AIR FORCES, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
APO 234

10 May 1945

330.13

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 11th Bombardment Group (H), APO 246.

1. For the splendid assistance given the 506th Fighter Group on the eighth and ninth of May 1945 in installing wing tanks on their aircraft, this Headquarters desires to commend both you and the men of your command.
2. The cooperation, efficiency and spirit displayed by the men and officers in the Engineering Squadrons, and the dispatch with which the tasks were accomplished are indicative of an efficient and highly trained unit.

s/ Willis H. Hale,
t/ WILLIS H. HALE,
Major General, USA,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 11TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO # 246, 22 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officers, 26th, 42d, 98th and 431st Bombardment Squadrons (H), APO # 246.

1. The above commendation of the efforts and accomplishments of our Engineering sections is noted with pleasure. This task was accomplished at a time when maintenance facilities and personnel were being strained by maximum operations within this group with an additional burden of giving assistance in the maintenance of 494th group planes attached for operational control.

2. It is believed that one of the most important reasons for our air superiority over the Japanese is the high caliber of our aircraft maintenance which is based on the skill, willingness and pride of our maintenance crews. Higher echelons are ever mindful of the importance of the contribution of the ground crews upon whose efforts successful operations are based.

APPROPRIATE UCL

420 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
11th Bomb Gp (H)-VII Bomber Command
Seventh Air Force
Army Air Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas
- APO #246

Auth: CG VII AF
Initials: 986
Date: 4 July 1945

39-8075-42-H1
June 1945

1. Date of Arrival and Departure:

Negative.

2. Losses in action:

T/Sgt Guillermo RMI Abrego, ASN 18022421.
Sgt John F. Barrett, ASN 31364776.

3. Awards and Decorations:

193 DFCs and 2 Bronze stars.

4. Organization:

Negative.

5. Personnel Strength:

1 June 1945 - 6 FO, 123 O and 494 EM.
30 June 1945 - 9 FO, 120 O and 499 EM.

6. A/P Strength:

1 June 1945 - 9 B-24Es, 5 B-24Es, 2 B-24Es and 1 trainer.
30 June 1945 - 5 B-24Es, 8 B-24 Es, 1 B-24 M and 1 trainer.

7. A/R Losses:

#44-41576
#44-40521

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"By the grace of God and with the aid of a trusty parachute the following officers and enlisted men are placed on temporary duty with the U.S. submarine Seafox:—". This will be the approximate wording of the orders for the following crew members of A/P 476: 1st Lt Robert J. Davis, T/O Anderson, A. Olsen-
 1940, and Lt Joseph G. Brown, and Lt Philip J. Lammiman, Sgt James A. Mac-
 Donnell, Sgt Thomas J. Powers, Sgt Joe L. Robinson, Sgt William J. Black and Sgt
 Donald E. Fisher. The submarine was a private ship engaged in the termination
 of the Seafox's mission on 17 June 1945.

A number of details regarding the attack on the Seafox are available from
 radio messages and observations made by escorts, which are given in the report of
 the incident.

Twelve bombers from the 442nd Bombardment Group attacked the Seafox on 17 June 1945. A similar number of bombers from the 442nd Bombardment Group made the first bomb run over the target receiving only a few bursts of flak none of which was close enough to cause any damage. Then the 442nd Bombardment Group made the run, bursts of flak appeared with much of it close enough to be heard. One burst, or possibly a time bomb, came right over the Seafox but on which the formation scoring hits on A/P 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483 and 484. Lt Lammiman's A/P received the heaviest damage causing the loss of #3 engine and a gas tank located in the right wing. Inability to feather #3 prop resulted in a rapid loss of altitude. To offset this condition, every piece of jettisonable equipment was tossed overboard. Radio messages from the A/P indicated the attempts made to keep the plane in the air and to inform DUMBO regarding its predicament, position and course. At 190840Z the effort to keep the plane airborne must have seemed hopeless.

for at that time ten members of the crew were observed to bail out, riding their parachutes down into the Pacific. The whereabouts of the 11th crew member was not revealed by the radio reports. Advice from the Navy was to the effect that a destroyer would be dispatched to the scene and that a submarine would reach the area at about 0600 the following morning.

The next day went on and plans were made for the early take-off of search planes from this and other squadrons, it seemed that there was nothing further to be done until reports could be received from the Navy and the search planes. However at 0230 a T-X from Saipan reported the crash landing of a B-24 on Tinian runway and requested the identification of the sole occupant of the plane. He was in the hospital with severe injuries and could not be questioned. The records showed him to be Sgt Guillermo Abrego, the engineer of the crew. He failed to recover from his injuries.

The search planes failed to locate the survivors. However, a flight of B-24s sighted them just as a submarine arrived on the scene. Within an hour, they were aboard the Bearcat. The body of Sgt Abrego pulled down by the action of the submarine's propellers was not recovered.

The death of Sgt Abrego was a tragic ending to a spectacular effort. Unquestionable, the plane was much lighter after ten men had bailed out but bringing a crippled B-24 back single handed is a rare accomplishment. The plane landed and cracked up in the area between two runways. It can only be a guess, but it is believed that the pilot was confused by the runway lights and believed the center section to be the proper spot for landing. Sgt Abrego's story of his experience was lost with him. It undoubtedly would have been an interesting one and very possibly would have been a valuable contribution to the science of flying.

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It was the most expensive mission this squadron has flown during its present tour of duty. In addition to A/P 576, A/P 521 received approximately 30 flak holes one of which creased a landing wheel tire causing it to blow out on landing with the resulting total wreckage of the plane. Two crew members on A/P 521 were slightly injured by flak, 1st Lt. Lark M. Abend and Clay H. Carlock.

The activities of the month were of small consequence to the combat crews whose chief interest, and understandably so, is the accomplishment of 40 missions in the shortest time possible. The mission score for the month consisted of a ten plane strike against Truk, a twelve plane strike and three snoopers to Marcus and another eight plane strike against Truk.

Granted that Marcus and Truk have lost their importance as enemy targets, it would seem advisable to send more strikes to these points thereby flying crews more frequently. It would be extremely valuable to the morale of combat crews who have keyed themselves to a 40 mission peak.

In that connection the recent announcement by the 11th Group H that lead crews would be considered for reassignment after 35 outstanding missions is an important incentive. It is bound to produce results once we reach a forward area where targets are more plentiful and strikes are flown with greater frequency.

An additional commendable step in that direction is the plan to award the Bronze Star to members of ground crews for exceptional airplane maintenance performance. In addition to providing the recipient with an additional valuable five points under the discharge programme, it also provides recognition for work accomplished, a factor which has been overlooked for such a long time.

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42D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
11th Bomb Gp (H)-VII Bomber Command
Seventh Air Force
Army Air Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas
APO #246

Auth: CG VII AF
Initials: _____
Date: 4 July 1945

1. Date of Arrival and Departure:

Negative.

2. Losses in action:

T/Sgt Guillermo HMI Abrego, ASN 18024421.
Sgt John F. Barrett, ASN 31364776.

3. Awards and Decorations:

193 DFCs and 2 Bronze stars.

4. Organization:

Negative.

5. Personnel Strength:

1 June 1945 - 6 FO, 123 O and 494 EM.
30 June 1945 - 9 FO, 120 O and 499 EM.

6. A/P Strength:

1 June 1945 - 9 B-24Js, 5 B-24Ls, 2 B-24Ms and 1 trainer.
30 June 1945 - 5 B-24Js, 8 B-24Ls, 1 B-24M and 1 trainer.

7. A/P Losses:

#44-41576
#44-40521

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"By the grace of God and with the aid of a trusty parachute the following officers and enlisted men are placed on temporary duty with the U.S. submarine Seafax:—". That will be the approximate wordage of the orders for the following crew members of A/P #576: 1st Lt Robert C. Davis, F/O Anthony A. DiBenedetto, 2nd Lt Joseph J. Arcia, 2nd Lt Floyd W. Beanblossom, Cpl James A. MacDonald, Sgt Thomas M. Powers, Sgt Joe L. Friedman, Sgt William G. Kluth and Sgt Donald M. Butler. Their return to the squadron will depend upon the termination of the Seafax's present tour of duty.

A number of details regarding the crew's experiences will have to wait until they return and can be questioned, but sufficient data is available from radio messages and observations made by escort planes to give the major facts of the incident.

Twelve bombers from the 42D squadron conducted a strike against Jap held Marcus Island on 19 June 1945. A similar number of bombers from the 431st squadron made the first bomb run over the target receiving only a few bursts of flak none of which was close enough to cause any damage. When the 42D formation made its run, bursts of flak appeared with much of it close enough to be heard. One burst, or possibly a three gun salvo was right "on the button" within the formation scoring hits on A/Ps #521, 576, 615, 533, 466, 467, 280 and 987. Lt Beanblossom's A/P received the most damaging hits causing the loss of #3 engine and a gas tank leak in the right wing. Inability to feather #3 prop resulted in a rapid loss of altitude. To offset this condition, every piece of jettisonable equipment was tossed overboard. Radio messages from the A/P indicated the attempts made to keep the plane in the air and to inform DUMBO regarding its predicament, position and course. At 190840Z the effort to keep the plane airborne must have seemed hopeless

for at that time ten members of the crew were observed to bail out, riding their parachutes down into the Pacific. The whereabouts of the 11th crew member was not revealed by the radio reports. Advice from the Navy was to the effect that a destroyer would be dispatched to the rescue and that a submarine would reach the area at about 0600 the following morning.

As the night wore on and plans were made for the early take-off of search planes from this and other squadrons, it seemed that there was nothing further to be done until reports could be received from the Navy and the search planes. However at 0200 a TWX from Saipan reported the crash landing of a B-24 on Tinian runway and requested the identification of the sole occupant of the plane. He was in the hospital with severe injuries and could not be questioned. The records showed him to be Sgt Guillermo Abrego, the engineer of the crew. He failed to recover from his injuries.

The search planes failed to locate the survivors. However, a flight of DUMBOS sighted them just as a submarine arrived on the scene. Within an hour, they were aboard the Seaflex. The body of Sgt Barrett pulled down by the suction of the submarine's propellers was not recovered.

The death of Sgt Abrego was a tragic ending to a spectacular effort. Unquestionable, the plane was much lighter after ten men had bailed out but bringing a crippled B-24 back single handed is a rare accomplishment. The plane landed and cracked up in the area between two runways. It can only be a guess, but it is believed that the pilot was confused by the runway lights and believed the center section to be the proper spot for landing. Sgt Abrego's story of his experience was lost with him. It undoubtedly would have been an interesting one and very possibly would have been a valuable contribution to the science of flying.

It was the most expensive mission this squadron has flown during its present tour of duty. In addition to A/P 576, A/P 521 received approximately 30 flak holes one of which creased a landing wheel tire causing it to blow out on landing with the resulting total wreckage of the plane. Two crew members on #521 were slightly injured by flak, 1st Lts Mark M. Aboud and Clay R. Carlock.

The activities of the month were of small consequence to the combat crews whose chief interest, and understandably so, is the accomplishment of 40 missions in the shortest time possible. The mission score for the month consisted of a ten plane strike against Truk, a twelve plane strike and three snoopers to Marcus and another eight plane strike against Truk.

Granted that Marcus and Truk have lost their importance as enemy targets, it would seem advisable to send more strikes to those points thereby flying crews more frequently. It would be extremely valuable to the morale of combat crews who have keyed themselves to a 40 mission peak.

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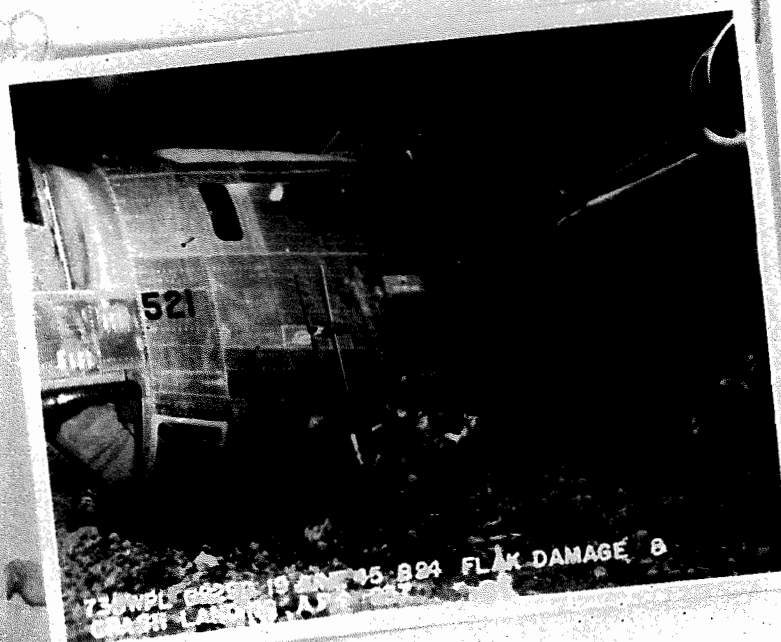
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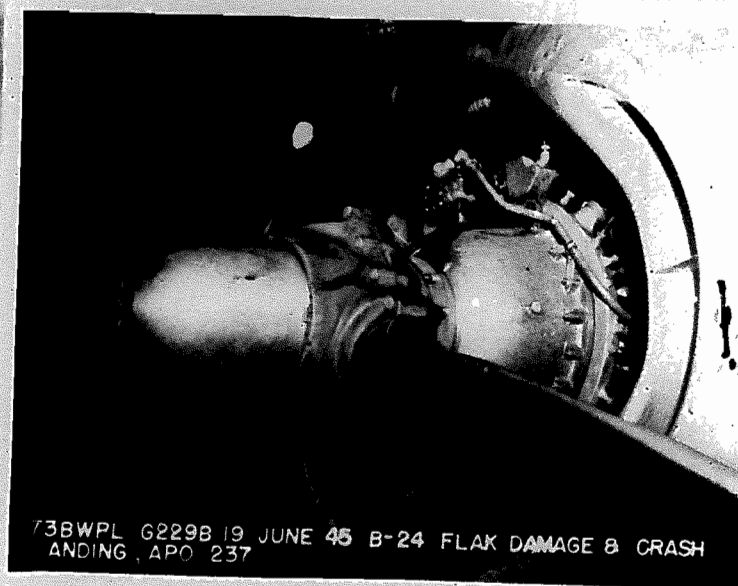
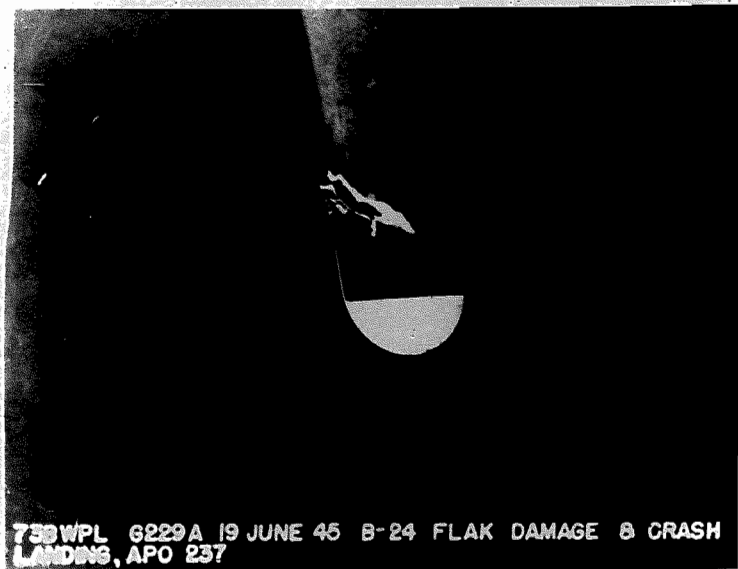




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 11th Bomb Gp-VII Bomber Command Initials:
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Squadron History - July 1945

The history for the month of July definitely opens a new era in the life of the Fighting 420. During the month, the move to Okinawa was completed and operations over the Japanese homeland commenced on 11 July. Even though the squadron as a whole had scarcely settled its feet firmly in the ubiquitous Okinawa mud, missions were flown daily if the weather permitted. The long months of intensive training, interspersed with infrequent, routine missions over MARCOS and TRUK, have paid dividends, judging from the consistently excellent results the flying crews have accomplished over targets on Kyushu, Honshu, Korea, China and the Northern Ryukyus.

The crews now see the end of their missions in sight for a change, since it seems reasonable that they each be enabled to fly approximately seven missions monthly. The final answer has still not emanated from the fount of knowledge on the subject of lead crews finishing at 35 instead of 40 missions. The entire flying personnel sits on tenterhooks awaiting the answer to that one.

This squadron was forced to set up in business in a temporary area until the permanent area could be made ready for occupancy. Consequently, the men are living a precarious, hand-to-mouth existence for the moment, ankle-deep in slime, drenched to the skin, soaked with sour sweat, caked with mud, and are in general a rather bedraggled-looking lot.

Some legitimate, understandable, and apparently justifiable complaints have cropped up in all these operations, which shall be mentioned briefly here:

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The fact that bombing objectives, time and strength of attacks, and bomb loads are changed, often at the last minute, puts a terrific burden on the men. This especially affects those in armament and Ordnance, and combat men, who on numerous occasions have had to work all night changing bomb racks and loading bombs, and then fly an all day mission without any intervening rest. All this, coupled with the fact that our enemies often have the effrontery and inconsiderateness to pull air raids on us at night, cuts into the normal required rest of the personnel with consequent deleterious effects on their physical and mental well being. These effects are especially telling on those ground men who have worked and fought in the forward areas of the Pacific for over two years, and their increasing inefficiency, lassitude and gauntness bears dramatic witness to what they have undergone.

With 24 month furloughs suddenly abrogated and no ray of hope to enlighten them as to their future disposition, these veterans are not exactly a source of high morale and all out effort in this theater of operations.

Combat enlisted men are not being promoted expeditiously enough, in order to bring crews up to T/O strength, thus bringing about a source of dissatisfaction on the part of the men involved.

After these dismal aspects of the picture, the rest is less depressing. The squadron seems to feel that now its in on the kill which is to bring about the end of the conflict; that its fliers are now striking at fruitful targets in the heart of the Empire, and that all the effort expended is not in vain. The squadron spirit is still evident, in spite of hell and high water.

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Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas
APO #903

Auth: CG VII AF
Initials: _____
Date: 5 September 45

Squadron History - August 1945

August 1945, although it began slowly and normally, developed into one of the most active months since the squadron's formation.

Besides sweating out several Japanese air raids and a typhoon alert, the squadron moved its living area from the mucky hole it originally occupied to a comparatively dry and cool site on a terraced hillside. Mosquitoes and rats became less evident, much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In conjunction with the move, construction was started on a new Mess Hall, theater and shower buildings for the organization. All members of the squadron pitched in and the results were very gratifying.

August brought great news for the older members of the squadron. Several men with more than 100 Points left for the states and discharge.

In addition to this all men with 85 Points or over were prepared for return to the states. Clothing and equipment not necessary for the return trip to God's Country were turned in, causing Personnel supply and Chemical Warfare quite a bit of extra work which, under the circumstances, was done cheerfully.

Later in the month news of the proposed lowering of the point quota and

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the receipt of points brought rejoicing to the remainder of the old men, most of whom had almost two and one half years overseas but not quite enough points to rate a discharge.

The opening of the new Mess Hall was hailed by all inasmuch as one bottle of cold beer was given to each man. This was the first cold beer since the opening of the Dayroom at Guam in December 1944. The Mess Hall itself deserves a few words. It is a T-shaped building with wood floor and walls roofed with composition and canvass. The kitchen is well arranged with plenty of room for the cooks to work, which is a rare condition in a forward area mess. The officers procured some lumber and constructed themselves square four-man tables with straight-backed chairs.

Plans are underway to convert the Mess Hall into an Enlisted Mens Club after hours. The proposed presence of cold beer from 2000 to 2300 brought the wholehearted approval of the enlisted men. The Officers Club construction program was carried on during the month.

A post-war pre-discharge educational program for the benefit of the squadron personnel was inaugurated in late August. The program became unofficially known as "The University of Southern Okinawa" and acquired a mythical staff, including a Dean of Women. Economics and Spanish were the first subjects organized under the plan. Other varied subjects were awaiting the arrival of textbooks from Manila. Captain James C. Clever was the God-Father and guiding star for this program.

August could be classed as a definitely successful month for the squadron.

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ADDENDUM TO SQUADRON HISTORY

11 Sept 1945

(It is to be understood that the following story is exclusive property of Lt Louis Zamperini and is not to be copied nor quoted without his express permission.)

On 27 May 1943, a B-24 of this squadron started on a mission from its base at Kualoa, Oahu. This was for the purpose of searching for a lost B-25 and our aircraft was to search on a heading of 208 degrees to a point parallel to Palmyra Island. They were to put in at Palmyra for the night and continue the search the following day and land at their own base that night. The pilot of this plane was 1st Lt Russell A. Phillips. Take-off from Oahu was 0600, and another B-24 piloted by Lt Deasy was to follow on the same mission at 0630. When Lt Deasy arrived at Palmyra that afternoon, he learned that Lt Phillips had not landed nor had he been heard from. A combination search by the Army and the Navy was carried on from Oahu for four to five days thereafter.

Meanwhile, on Lt Phillips' plane, all had gone well on this routine search until shortly after 1300, when the RPM on #2 engine began dropping gradually and the engine began vibrating violently. At this time the crew figured they were approximately 225 nautical miles NW of Palmyra. It was necessary to feather #2 engine, and #1 immediately began to show signs of distress, so that it was necessary to feather it also. The aircraft immediately started dropping away, and the crew was ordered to take ditching positions. The plane now had its nose down and was spiraling to the left. It was impossible to actually ditch it, so that it went in, apparently with its left wing hitting the water first. As nearly as can be determined, this occurred at about 1400. The aircraft disintegrated on contact with the water. The section fore and aft of the waist windows broke off from the rest of the plane and remained intact. Lt Louis S. Zamperini, the bombardier, was in this particular section with five other crew members. Pieces of the plane were strewn over the surface of the water for a large area surrounding the spot where the plane went in. When the disturbance had cleared there were only three men afloat: Lt Zamperini, Lt Phillips and Sgt Francis P. McNamara, the tail gunner. These men reported seeing the mangled bodies of the other crew members in the water immediately following the crash, and it is assumed that they were killed upon contact with the water.

Two life rafts had inflated themselves and were floating near the survivors, who all got into one life raft and then rowed over and secured the other raft. Lt Zamperini noted that Sgt McNamara and himself were not injured except for bruises and minor cuts. Lt Phillips, however, had two long, deep gashes in his head and was bleeding profusely. There were no compresses or first aid equipment in either raft, so a makeshift bandage had to be improvised out of undershirts. Lt Zamperini worked over the injured pilot for approximately six hours, endeavoring to stanch the flow of blood and get a satisfactory bandage secured around his head.

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In the afternoon of the second day a B-25 was sighted at 8000 feet. Dye marker had already been put out and several flares were shot into the air, but ~~the~~ B-25 took no notice. On the third day a B-24 flew directly overhead at 2000 feet. Two shots were fired from the ^{Very} pistol ahead of the plane, which then made a sharp ~~wight~~ ^{when} ~~angle~~ turn, ~~and then~~ ^{the} two more shots were fired, in hope that the tail gunner of the plane would see them on retirement. All ~~of~~ this was of no avail and the plane disappeared in the distance. No other plane was sighted until the 27th day. This plane was sighted at 1000, flying at about 8000 feet, off course about one mile. Dye marker was put out and four flares were shot into the air. This plane circled, dropped to 2000 feet, then down to 100 feet and came right toward the rafts. Then the survivors saw to their horror that this was a twin-engine plane with large red meat balls on it. It began to strafe the rafts, making dozens of passes over a period of approximately two hours. As soon as the strafing began, Lt Zamperini dove into the water for protection. The other two men were too weak to move, and had to take their chances on remaining in the rafts. Lt Zamperini was a busy man in the water at this time, as two sharks were aiding and abetting the enemy by making numerous passes underwater at the person of the bombardier. He tried a recommended method of staring the sharks straight in their fishy eyes. This method worked a few times, and then the sharks got smart and started sneaking up from the rear. Between dodging bullets, kicking the sharks on their respective noses, and straight-arming them, in order to remain in one ~~piece~~ ^{thoroughly preoccupied} piece, Lt Zamperini was ~~a busy man~~ ^{became}. He ~~was~~ finally so exhausted from this constant activity that he got back into one of the rafts, and he and the other two men laid still on the bottom, covering themselves with pump covers, in an effort to deceive the Japs into thinking they were all dead. Apparently this ruse was successful, for the plane did not fire on its last six or seven passes, and finally went away. Damage assessment showed that neither of the two men who had stayed in the two rafts had been touched by bullets. This was nothing short of miraculous, in view of the fact that both rafts were thoroughly perforated by bullet holes. One raft had forty-five holes that could be counted, whereas the other one was much worse and had to be cut up to salvage the first one. It took Lt Zamperini the next ten days to

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patch the raft, as it was necessary to pump it up every fifteen minutes day and night. As the patching progressed, he finally got to the point where he only had to pump it up every hour. During all this time Lt Phillips was too weak from loss of blood to be allowed to do any work, and Sgt McNamara, a frail, thin individual to begin with, was practically helpless, leaving all the work to the bombardier. The patching equipment had been badly damaged due to water, and in addition there were no knives in the raft. The patches stuck on somehow, although they frequently had to have ^{additional} ~~the~~ ^{Those} attention. The holes which would only be reached from the underside were especially aggravating. It was necessary for the three to sit on one edge of the raft, deflate the other side, and then pull the raft over them in order to work on the bottom. This was precarious work and very tiring for all concerned. However, it did help to pass the time.

The problem of food and water was acute ^{during} ~~on~~ the entire trip. They had about six small cans of emergency water rations, which they refilled every time it rained. They had ^{food} emergency rations, which lasted about five days, after which their only food was supplied by catching about seven fish, seven birds and one small shark. The fish consisted mainly of pilot fish measuring about six inches. There was a sufficient supply of fish hooks and fishing line in the ^{rafts} ~~rafts~~ to begin with, but the sharks carried on a constant war of attrition by swallowing fish hooks and bait. Finally, they were down to three ~~hook~~ hooks, so that Lt Zamperini was afraid to chance the loss of these, and devised a system whereby he wound the fishline around his thumb and first two fingers, with the hooks sticking out only a few inches from his hand. He then dabbled his fingers in the water, and when the fish came to nibble at them, he jerked his hand in and one of the hooks usually fastened itself somewhere in the fish. At first the men were unable to eat these fish after they did catch them, but as time went on, they began to taste increasingly good. The bird situation was better than anticipated, as they foolishly flew low and slow over the rafts on numerous occasions. The first windfall was the capture of a large albatross, which had been

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gliding very low over the rafts. One of the men reached up and grabbed the bird by the underpinning on one of its ~~XXXXX~~ passes, immediately handing this unmanageable ^{package} ~~creature~~ to Lt Z. for disposition. The bird clawed and bit ~~at~~ him, but he managed to dispatch it by practically pulling its head off its body, as it was too tough to strangle. Smaller birds were caught in ^a somewhat similar manner, and the men got to the point where they ate almost every bit of these tidbits, except the feathers, and part of the entrails which they used for fish bait. They also extracted fish from the craws of the bird to use for bait.

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They arrived at the island of Kwajalein, where they found that the picnic was over, for they were slapped, kicked, struck by clubs, tentatively ~~at~~ ^{and} prodded by bayonets and taunted by constant jeers. They were thrown into separate cells, measuring about 2' wide, 6' long, and 6' high, with no windows or lights.

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They were kept here for forty-three days, being beaten regularly, annoyed by the guards, who threw rocks at them, hit them over the heads with clubs, and threw hot water in their faces when they asked for a drink. They were taken out and quizzed often, especially about our newest weapons and the number of ships and planes in the Hawaiian Islands. From the time they arrived here they were plagued by constant diarrhoea, causing them to emit mucus and blood almost continually, so that they had to keep themselves stationed over ~~a~~ holes in the floors of their cells all their waking hours. In addition, they both had ~~d~~engue fever, for which they received no treatment whatever. They had one guard, who was inclined to be friendly, and who slipped them candy and cigarettes from time to time. ~~They suffered~~ ~~ed frightfully from the heat.~~ One night the guard told them that they were to be taken to Yokohama the following morning. They were placed on a ship, their life raft was thrown aboard with them, and they proceeded to Truk, where the boat laid in the harbor for five days. They were quizzed further while at Truk, and after one interrogation they were placed in separate quarters. The word got about the ship ~~as~~ that Lt Z was a bombardier, and soon he was the butt of more abuse than ever. One night some drunken officers broke into the place where he was confined, and laughed and hooted at him, telling him that Japan would certainly win the war. He replied that the United States would win the war, ^{for this} and ^{which broke} was hit across the face with a blunt instrument, ~~breaking~~ his nose. Later, more drunken officers dropped in for a visit, and these were very chummy, putting their arms around him, giving him sake to drink, and in general behaving in the most comradly manner.

The ship then proceeded to Yokohama without stopping anywhere. They arrived one evening, were taken off the ship, placed in a 1938 Chevrolet sedan, and driven for about one hour steadily uphill to the prison camp, where they were immediately stripped naked. During the auto trip, a Jap soldier hit Lt Z with a flashlight squarely on his broken nose. During the sea voyage their diarrhoea stopped completely

and Lt Z did not start again for 27 days. When he expressed concern over this condition, he was told that his stomach was so empty that he could absorb food for an indefinite time without dropping any. They later found that the camp in which they were incarcerated was the ^{Opuna} Camp, located approximately 10 miles from Yokosuka Naval Base, and designated as ^{an} "Intimidation and Interrogation Camp." They were given individual cells and were read the guest rules. They were to talk to no one, not even to themselves, were not to hum, whistle, nor talk "in sleeps." The guards told them, "you speak a lot, leave quick." The maximum stay at this camp was generally ^{eight} ~~eight~~ days. Lt Z remained for 13 months. On nice days they sat in their cells all day without uttering a sound, and on bad days they were placed out-^d - doors, where they sat, looking straight ahead for 12 hours and were then taken back to their cells. Their daily ration was a small amount of rice and a little thin soup. They were beaten daily for slight infractions of the camp rules, or for no reason at all. They were given no blankets or clothing, and Lt Z was still wearing ^{he wore} the shirt ^{he wore} while on the raft. [#] Lt Z was transferred to ^{Hq} Camp at Omori, between Tokyo and Yokohama on 30 Sept, 1944. Lt P left in March, '44. At this new camp ^{the} prisoners devised a system of signaling to each other in code, by rapping on floors or walls, or by slapping their legs. ~~During this time Lt. Col. Walker, former C.O. of the 392 Bomb Sq, was brought to the camp and he let them know, in code, that the U.S. was winning the war and that they could tell anything to their captors that they were asked.~~ They got late news of the war from new arrivals in camp. When they were ~~given~~ given the task of cleaning ash-trays, they were always elated, for it gave them a chance to grub butts. When they were caught at this, they were to stand all night at attention and were given no food for three days thereafter. They were allowed to smoke legally, one cigarette per day, after getting express permission to do so. Lt Z studied Japanese surreptitiously, and got so that he could read Jap papers. He was called upon a few times to act as an interpreter, but found

that this led to additional beatings, so ^{he} soon lost his enthusiasm for this type of endeavor. The study of ^{their} ~~the~~ Jap language helped to occupy his time and it was valuable in enabling him to understand some of the conversations between the guards.

A ~~THE~~ U.S. Navy commander was prisoner C.O. of the camp and could speak a little Japanese, which helped in interpreting the camp rules for the new prisoners. Lt Z. was interrogated often, and when he learned definitely that the ~~Japs~~ Japs had in their possession several of our bombsights, he offered to explain its operation to his captors. He soon found out, however, that the Japs were incapable of understanding our sight or of ~~the~~ manufacturing it, and therefore were not interested in anything he might be able to tell them about it. They were interested, however, in knowing all about our radar, and Lt Z was unable to convince them that he, as a bombardier, knew nothing about this field. Finally, in order to placate them, he endeavored to invent a radar of his own, complete with drawings, plans, and specifications, ~~which~~ which assumed the proportions of a ruptured octopus. The interrogators seemed to be highly pleased, nodded their round heads knowingly, and proceeded to spend hours pouring over his brain children. ^{At Hq Camp the} prisoners were allowed to smoke at any time they desired. The camp commander was a sweet character named Sgt Watanabe, who hated officers with an inspired ^{hatred.} ~~venom.~~ The ~~Sgt~~ ^{sergent} told the prisoners that he had Bull authority to kill any of them that he so desired, and would not hesitate to exercise this prerogative, should any of them step out of line. His favorite pastime was belaboring them with a broad web belt, with an iron buckle and a leather strap on the end. He found it necessary frequently to replace this leather strap after it broke off from contact with the prisoners' heads and faces.

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The prisoners were forced to do a good deal of labor at this camp, one of their principle duties being ^{to} ~~the~~ load ~~of~~ supplies destined for Jap garrisons in the Pacific onto ships at the wharves. Lt Z estimates that the prisoners ruined at least half of the supplies they loaded, by urinating on and otherwise wetting sacks of rice, sugar and like commodities, when they could do so unobserved. Naturally, when these commodities were stored in the steaming hold of a ship, fermentation would set in and the food would become inedible.

Lt Z and other prisoners developed an ingenious contrivance for augmenting their own food supply. They got hollow bamboo tubes, sharpened them to a point at one end, and placed them so that the points ~~just~~ ^{just} stuck out ^{just} above their belts. When they had a chance, they ~~would~~ lean up against a pile of rice sacks, the point of the bamboo would puncture the ~~sacks~~ ^{sacks}, rice would pour through the tube into their pant leg, which was tied at the ~~sashed~~ ankle. Without this extra stolen ration, they would never have been able to stay alive in the camp.

At one time during his stay here, Lt Z was singled out and told that he was going to be taken to Tokyo. He did not know the purpose of this tour and feared for the worst, but later found that he was to be allowed to make a broadcast to the U.S., so that his parents would know that he was alive and well. He was told that there was to be no propaganda use made of his utterances. He was taken to a modern building in the center of Tokyo, complete with all the latest improvements, including elevators. One odd feature that he noted was that the fire protection system of this up-to-date building consisted of a lot of old fire buckets. The ~~studio~~ studio into which he was taken was in keeping with the rest of the building and would have done credit to any American studio. He made ^a transcription, as he found that prisoners were not allowed to broadcast directly, and this was apparently ~~broadcast~~ ^{learned} to ~~our country~~ ^{the U.S.}. Just before he finished the transcription, he was suddenly ~~handed~~ ^{handed} a sheet of paper and asked to append it to his transcription. Upon perusing it, he found that it was an hysterical ~~trade~~ ^{trade} against the U.S. government for ~~not~~ ^{not} informing the relatives of U.S.

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prisoners as to their whereabouts. All this in view of the fact that the Japs held Lt Z for 13 months in a prison camp where he had no communication with the outside world and from which no names of prisoners were sent out to any neutral agencies. After much talking, he convinced the studio officials that this was poor propaganda and would not have the desired effect on American listeners. They actually desisted, and when no one was looking, Lt Z managed to slip this attempted propaganda into his pocket, later sewing it into the shoulder of his coat so that his captors never found it. When he first entered the studio, he was greeted by a Japanese official who had lived two blocks from him in Calif. for years, had attended the same schools, and knew many of the same people that Lt Z did. He adopted the guise of friendliness ~~then~~ toward Lt Z, but the latter naturally put no faith in such a pose.

Lt Z was ~~then~~ transferred to ~~Four~~⁴-B Camp, near Niigata, after refusing to work as a propagandist for the Japanese broadcasting authorities. He was warned that if he turned down this offer, which would enable him to live in comparative luxury, ~~that~~ he would be sent to a more ~~severe~~^{unpleasant} camp than the one in which he had been confined. He ~~in~~ soon found that ~~Four~~⁴-B fitted these specifications, for he ~~was~~ was back under the tender care of his old ~~five~~^{alias} friend, Watanabe, alias "The Bird", "The Big Flag." Here their only food was barley and seaweed, the latter being thrown at them without any particular preparation for eating. They ~~work~~ worked 12-16 hrs per day, carrying 200 lb bags of coal to and from barges in the dock yards. Whenever there was a B-29 raid, during which they were never able to control their elation, they were well beaten up and were forced to stay up all night. They were usually beaten up before, during, and after their day's work. One time during an inspection of the prison area, the officials were unable to find anything amiss, until they discovered that ~~the~~^{the} the shoes of two of the prisoners ~~was~~ were wet. This had been caused by the fact that they had visited the latrine just prior to the inspection, and since the floor ~~in~~ there was covered at all times with

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a one-inch layer of combined urine and ~~excrement~~ excrement, their shoes had been soiled. They were each ordered to lick the soles of their shoes, to which ^{order} one prisoner complied, knowing the penalty for non-compliance. The other one balked at this horrible order, was immediately and thoroughly beaten up, and then was forced to lick the soles of his shoes anyway.

The B-29 incendiary raids were very effective, according to Lt Z's observations, and always struck terror into the hearts of the Japs. Even though some of the early small incendiary bombs could have been extinguished by prompt, positive action, the Japs almost always ran the opposite direction as fast as their bandy-legs could carry them. One night a Jap soldier fell asleep with a lighted cigarette in his mouth, and the ensuing blaze burned out four square miles of houses. Thus it is easy to understand the ~~japs'~~ Japs' terror of fire from the sky.

At one time in the camp 81 prisoners out of 289 died of pneumonia within six weeks, due to insufficient clothing, lack of heat in the buildings, and lack of proper medical care. During the winter months Lt Z reports that he had influenza almost continually, and was never without a cough ^{or} ~~or~~ a cold.

After 21 August 1945, when supplies were dropping daily out of U.S. planes, to two prisoners, the worst was over and the prisoners took over the running of the camp. Their captors disappeared to a large extent, and those who stayed were at the beck and call of their former prisoners. On 5 September 1945, Lt Z and his fellow prisoners took a train to Tokyo, where they were put on trucks and ~~and~~ taken to Atsugi A/F, where C-54's brought them to Okinawa.

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Rear--Left To Right

Lt. J.J. Jarvis Jr., Pilot
Lt. G.L. Hart, Co-Pilot
Lt. R.R. Weber, Navigator
Lt. R.W. Allen, Bombardier

Front--Left To Right

T/Sgt. C.L. Butterfield,
Radar Operator
T/Sgt. F.C. Lynum, Eng-
ineer
S/Sgt. I. Coppeman, Asst.
Engineer
T/Sgt. S. Stanley, Radio
Operator
S/Sgt. R.L. Connes, Asst.
Radio Operator
S/Sgt. M.M. Clark, Gunner

Rear--Left To Right

Lt. W.L. McLean, Pilot
Lt. R.R. Weyner, Co-Pilot
Lt. W.P. Dillman, Navi-
gator
Lt. W.P. Gates, Bombardier

Front--Left To Right

T/Sgt. F. Grandal, Engineer
T/Sgt. F. Miramontes,
Radio Operator
S/Sgt. M. Ballanova, Asst.
Radio Operator
S/Sgt. Grazano, Armorer
Gunner
S/Sgt. J. Bigley, Radar
Operator



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Lt. C.H. Lee, Pilot
Lt. G.B. Cabeen, Co-Pilot
Lt. E.J. Lund, Bombardier
S/Sgt. B. Horton, Nose
Gunner

Front--Left To Right

T/Sgt. E.M. Higgins, Engineer
T/Sgt. H.A. Lowrie, Radio
Operator
S/Sgt. L.E. Shafter, Asst.
Engineer
T/Sgt. J.D. Gambel, Radar
Operator
S/Sgt. G.L. Garcia, Tail
Gunner
S/Sgt. J.H. Siler, Ball
Gunner

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Lt. E. Gelsen, Co-Pilot
Lt. G.E. McDaniel, Navigator
Lt. W.M. Weiss, Bombardier

Front--Left To Right

S/Sgt. C.R. Gunter, Engineer
S/Sgt. W.J. Watts, Radio
Operator
Sgt. D.S. Neilson, Top
Turret Gunner
S/Sgt. E.M. Bishop, Radar
Operator
S/Sgt. R.D. Scoville, Arm-
orer Gunner
Sgt. H.S. Fay, Tail Gunner
Sgt. W. Lesser, Photographer



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 Lt. J. Spurling, Co-Pilot
 P/O S. Snowiss, Navigator
 P/O J.P. Kuhl, Bombardier

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S/Sgt. J.O. Wood, Engineer
 T/Sgt. G.M. Harris, Radio
 Operator
 Sgt. L.G. Gagnier, Asst.
 Engineer
 Cpl. G. Houston, Asst.
 Radio Operator
 Sgt. J. Koehls, Ammunition
 Gunner
 Sgt. J.M. Horvath, Radar
 Operator

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 Lt. E.E. Winner, Co-Pilot
 Lt. W.H. Lutske, Navigator
 Lt. F.A. Goetz, Bombardier

Front--Left To Right

S/Sgt. J.W. Massengale,
 Engineer
 S/Sgt. P. Whitmer, Radio
 Operator
 S/Sgt. W.L. Gregory, Asst.
 Engineer
 S/Sgt. D.L. Scott, Nose
 Gunner



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Lt. W. Nowak, Co-Pilot
Lt. A.D. Beadie, Pilot
Lt. G.M. Penney, Navigator
Lt. W.R. Allmon, Bombardier

Front-Left To Right

S/Sgt. H.H. Cornett, Asst. Engineer
S/Sgt. C. Czerwinski, Radar Operator
S/Sgt. W. Rogers, Asst. Armorer Gunner
T/Sgt. J. Barker, Radio Operator
S/Sgt. W. Browning, Armorer Gunner
T/Sgt. E.O. Hilton, Engineer

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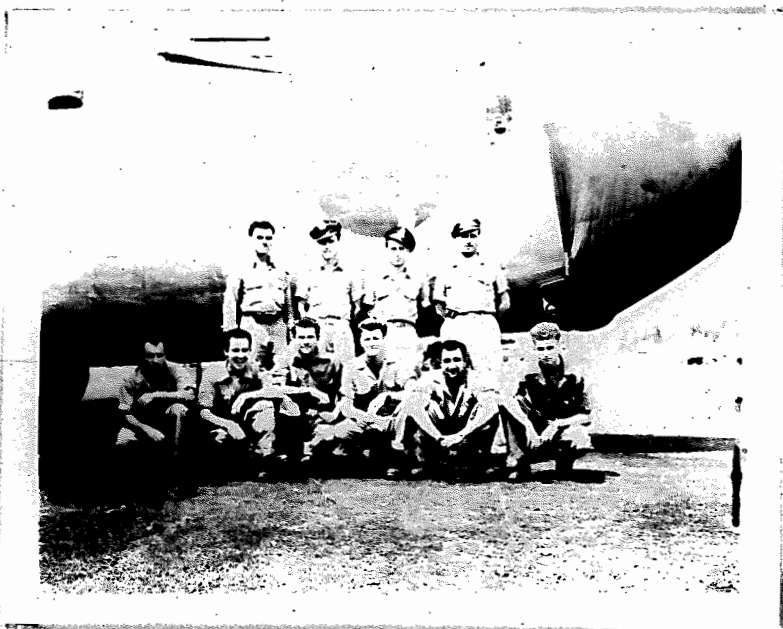
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Lt. J.F. Heydemann, Co-Pilot
Lt. S. DerTatevason, Navigator
Lt. H.O. Kahl, Bombardier

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T/Sgt. G.E. Ramsey, Engineer
Cpl. H.O. Coulter, Asst. Engineer
Cpl. T.J. Beincofner, Radar Operator
S/Sgt. R.L. Sensen, Nose Gunner
S/Sgt. J.E. Rahn, Tail Gunner



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Lt. R.E. Miller Jr., Bombardier
Lt. W.D. Reynolds, Co-Pilot

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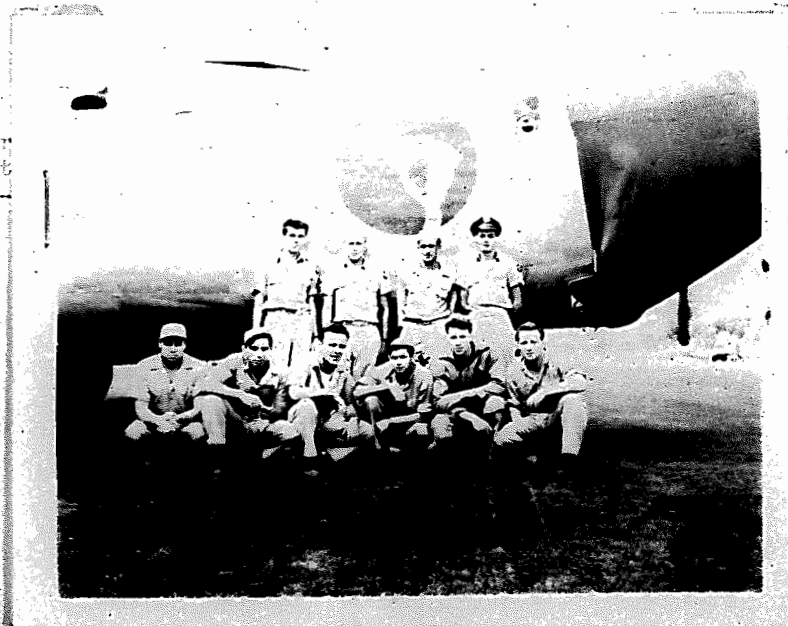
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Gunner
Sgt. R. Bailey Jr., Engineer
S/Sgt. A.E. Rabe, Asst.
Armorer Gunner
S/Sgt. J.J. Voth, Asst.
Engineer
S/Sgt. S.F. Vilchek, Asst.
Radio Operator
r/Sgt. J.A. Davis, Radio
Operator

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Lt. R.L. Oshetzer, Navigator
F/O D.K. Schneider, Co-Pilot
Lt. E.H. Morrison, Bombardier

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Engineer
Sgt. B.F. Rieke, Asst.
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Operator
Sgt. G.D. Johnson, Asst.
Radio Operator
S/Sgt. H.E. Clump, Gunner



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Lt. E.C. Wright, Navigator
Lt. W.V. Haller, Bombardier

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S/Sgt. J.H. Pater, Radio Operator
S/Sgt. B.E. Mitchell, Asst. Engineer
Sgt. B.W. Kendall, Asst. Radio Operator
S/Sgt. J.L. Lester, Armorer
Sgt. W.H. Weber, Gunner
S/Cgt. G.F. Dammes, Radio Operator (extra)

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Lt. D. Hamilton, Co-Pilot
Lt. K. McElwain, Navigator
F/O A. Ayarke, Bombardier

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S/Sgt. E. Evans, Asst. Engineer
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steeds. Their only view, through a small window, was that of a group of soldiers engaged in bayonetting dummies outside. An English-speaking Jap doctor soon came in, smiling pleasantly, and took their pulses, temperatures, and felt their stomachs. He expressed admiration at their relatively satisfactory physical condition. He had a bottle of Russian cognac sent in to them, followed by a quart of hot milk, four eggs, a canned ham, bread baked especially for them, cigarettes and fruit salad. When they had finished this delectable repast, they were carried into another room for interrogation, where they were simply shown a map of the Pacific and quizzed briefly about their trip. They were allowed to rest most of the time, and on the third day the deputy commander of the island told them that they would be leaving the following morning for another island. He gave them a can of excellent beef, some chocolate and coconuts, gifts of the Commanding Officer. They were placed aboard a ship, whose captain had touched at many ports in the United States and who was extremely kind and affable, telling them they could have anything to eat which he had aboard.

They arrived at the island of Kwajalein, where they found that the picnic was over, for they were slapped, kicked, struck by clubs, tentatively prodded by bayonets and taunted by constant jeers. They were thrown into separate cells, measuring about two feet wide, six feet long, and six feet high, with no windows or lights. They were kept here for forty-three days, being beaten regularly, annoyed by the guards, who threw rocks at them, hit them over their heads with clubs, and threw hot water in their faces when they asked for a drink. They were taken out and quizzed often, especially about our newest weapons and the number of ships and planes in the Hawaiian Islands. From the time they arrived they were plagued by constant diarrhoea, causing them to emit mucus and blood almost continually, so that they had to keep themselves stationed over holes in the floors of their cells all their waking hours. In addition, they both had dengue fever, for which they received no treatment whatever. They had one guard who was inclined to be friendly, and who slipped them candy and cigarettes from time to time. One night the guard told them that they were to be taken to Yokohama the following morning. They were placed on a ship, their life raft was thrown aboard with them, and they proceeded to Truk, where the boat laid in the harbor for five days. They were quizzed further while at Truk, and after one interrogation they were placed in separate quarters. The word got about the ship that Lt. Zamperini was a bombardier, and soon he was the butt of more abuse than ever. One night some drunken officers broke into the place where he was confined, and laughed and teased at him, telling him that Japan would certainly win the war. He replied that the United States would win the war, and, for this was hit across the face with a blunt instrument, which broke his nose. Later, more drunken officers dropped in for a visit, and these were very clumsy, putting their arms around him, giving him sake to drink, and in general behaving in the most comradely manner.

The ship then proceeded to Yokohama without stopping anywhere. They arrived one evening, were taken off the ship, placed in a 1936 Chevrolet sedan, and driven for about one hour steadily uphill to the prison camp, where they

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were immediately stripped naked. During the auto trip, a Jap soldier hit Lt. Zamperini with a flashlight squarely on his broken nose. During the sea voyage their diarrhoea stopped completely and Lt. Zamperini's did not start again for 27 days. When he expressed concern over this condition, he was told that his stomach was so empty that he could absorb food for an indefinite time without dropping any. They later found that the camp in which they were incarcerated was the Ofuna Camp, located approximately 10 miles from Yokosuka Naval Base, and designated as an "Intimidation and Interrogation Camp." They were given individual cells and were read the guest rules. They were to talk to no one, not even to themselves, were not to hum, whistle, nor talk "in sleep." The guards told them, "you speak lot, leave quick." The maximum stay at this camp was generally eight days. Lt. Zamperini remained for 13 months. On nice days they sat in their cells all day without uttering a sound, and on bad days they were pined out-of-doors, where they sat, looking straight ahead for 12 hours and were then taken back to their cells. Their daily ration was a small amount of rice and a little thin soup. They were beaten daily for slight infractions of the camp rules, or for no reason at all. They were given no blankets or clothing, and Lt. Zamperini was still wearing the shirt he wore while on the raft.

Lt. Zamperini was transferred to Headquarters Camp at Omori, between Tokyo and Yokohama on 30 September, 1944. Lt. Phillips left in March, 1944. At this new camp the prisoners devised a system of signalling to each other in code, by rapping on floors or walls, or by clapping their legs. They got late news of the war from new arrivals in camp. When they were given the task of cleaning ash-trays, they were always elated, for it gave them the chance to grub butts. When they were caught at this, they were to stand all night at attention and were given no food for three days thereafter. They were allowed to smoke legally one cigarette per day, after getting express permission to do so. Lt. Zamperini studied Japanese surreptitiously, and got so that he could read Jap papers. He was called upon a few times to act as an interpreter, but found that this led to additional beatings, so he soon lost his enthusiasm for this type of endeavor. The study of the Jap language helped to occupy his time and it was valuable in enabling him to understand some of the conversations between the guards. A U.S. Navy commander was prisoner Commanding Officer of the camp and could speak a little Japanese, which helped in interpreting the camp rules for the new prisoners. Lt. Zamperini was interrogated often, and when he learned definitely that the Japs had in their possession several of our bombsights, he offered to explain its operation to his captors. He soon found out, however, that the Japs were incapable of understanding our sight or of manufacturing it, and therefore were not interested in knowing anything he might be able to tell them about it. They were interested, however, in learning all about our radar, and Lt. Zamperini was unable to convince them that he, as a bombardier, knew nothing about this field. Finally, in order to placate them, he endeavored to invent a radar of his own, complete with drawings, plans, and specifications, which assumed the proportions of a ruptured octopus. The interrogators seemed to highly pleased, nodded their round heads knowingly, and proceeded to spend hours pouring over his brain children.

At Headquarters Camp the prisoners were allowed to smoke at any time they desired. The camp commander was a sweet character named Sgt. Watanabe, who hated

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officers with an inspired hatred. The sergeant told the prisoners that he had full authority to kill any of them that he so desired, and would not hesitate to exercise this prerogative should any of them step out of line. His favorite past-time was belaboring them with a broad web belt, with an iron buckle and a leather strap on the end. He found it necessary frequently to replace this leather strap after it broke off from contact with the prisoners' heads and faces.

The prisoners were forced to do a good deal of labor at this camp, one of their principal duties being to load supplies destined for Jap garrisons in the Pacific. Lt. Zamperini estimates that the prisoners ruined at least half of the supplies they loaded at the wharves by urinating on and otherwise wetting sacks of rice, sugar and like commodities, when they could do so unobserved. Naturally, when these commodities were stored in the stowage hold of a ship, fermentation would set in and the food would become inedible. Lt. Zamperini and other prisoners developed an ingenious contrivance for augmenting their own food supply. They got hollow bamboo tubes, sharpened them to a point at one end, and placed them so that the points stuck out just above their belts. When they had a chance, they would lean up against a pile of rice sacks, the point of the bamboo would puncture the sacks, and rice would pour through the tube into their pant leg, which was tied at the ankle. Without this extra stolen ration, they would never have been able to stay alive in the camp.

At one time during his stay here Lt. Zamperini was singled out and told that he was going to be taken to Tokyo. He did not know the purpose of this tour and feared for the worst, but later found that he was to be allowed to make a broadcast to the U.S., so that his parents would know that he was alive and well. He was told that there was to be no propaganda use made of his utterances. He was taken to a modern building in the center of Tokyo, complete with all the latest improvements, including elevators. One odd feature that he noted was that the fire protection system of this up-to-date building consisted of a lot of old fire buckets. The studio into which he was taken was in keeping with the rest of the building and would have done credit to any American studio. He made a transcription, as he found that prisoners were not allowed to broadcast directly, and this was apparently beamed to the United States. Just before he finished the transcription, he was suddenly handed a sheet of paper and asked to append it to his transcription. Upon perusing it, he found that it was an hysterical tirade against the U.S. Government for not informing the relatives of U.S. prisoners as to their whereabouts. All this in view of the fact that the Japs held Lt. Zamperini for 13 months in a prison camp where he had no communication with the outside world and from which no names of prisoners were sent out to any neutral agencies. After much talking, he convinced the studio authorities that this was poor propaganda and would not have the desired effect

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on American listeners. The actually desisted, and when no one was looking, Lt. Zamperini managed to slip this attempted propaganda into his pocket, later sewing it into the shoulder of his coat so that his captors never found it. When he first entered the studio, he was greeted by a Japanese official who had lived two blocks from him in California for years, had attended the same school, and knew many of the same people that Lt. Zamperini did. He adopted the guise of friendliness toward Lt. Zamperini, the latter naturally put no faith in such a pose.

Lt. Zamperini was transferred to 4-B Camp, near Niigata, after refusing to work as a propagandist for the Japanese broadcasting authorities. He was warned that if he turned down this offer, which would enable him to live in comparative luxury, he would be sent to a more unpleasant camp than the one in which he had been confined. He soon found that 4-B fitted these specifications, for he was back under the tender care of his old friend, Watanabe, alias "The Bird", alias "The Big Flag." Here their only food was barley and seaweed, the latter being thrown at them without any particular preparation for eating. They worked 12 to 16 hours per day, carrying 200-pound bags of coal to and from barges in the dock yards. Whenever the B-29 raids came, during which they were never able to control their elation, they were well beaten up and were forced to stay up all night. They were usually beaten up before, during, and after their day's work. One time during an inspection of the prison area, the officials were unable to find anything amiss, until they discovered that the soles of the shoes of two of the prisoners were wet. This had been caused by the fact that they had visited the latrine just prior to the inspection, and since the floor in there was covered at all times with a one-inch layer of combined urine and excrement, their shoes had been soiled. They were each ordered to lick the soles of their shoes, to which order one prisoner complied, knowing the penalty for non-compliance. The other one balked at this horrible order, was immediately and thoroughly beaten up, and then was forced to lick the soles of his shoes anyway.

The B-29 incendiary raids were very effective, according to Lt. Zamperini's observations, and always struck terror into the hearts of the Japs. Even though some of the early small incendiary bombs could have been extinguished by prompt, positive action, the Japs almost always ran the opposite direction as fast as their banty legs could carry them. One night a Jap soldier fell asleep with a lighted cigarette in his mouth, and the ensuing blaze burned out four square miles of houses. Thus it is easy to understand the Japs' terror of fire from the sky.

At one time in the camp 81 prisoners out of 289 died of pneumonia within six weeks, due to insufficient clothing, lack of heat in the buildings, and lack of proper medical care. During the winter months Lt. Zamperini reports that he had influenza almost continually, and was never without a cough or cold.

After 21 August, 1945, when supplies were dropping daily out of U.S. planes, to prisoners, the worst was over and the prisoners took over the running of the camp. Their captors disappeared to a large extent, and those who stayed were at the beck and call of their former prisoners. On 5 September, 1945, Lt. Zamperini and his fellow prisoners took a train to Tokyo, where they were put on trucks and taken to Atsugi Airfield, where C-54's brought them to Okinawa.

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42D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
11th Bomb Gp- VII Bomber Command
Seventh Air Force
Army Air Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas
APO #903

Auth: CG VII AAF
Initials: PC
Date: 5 October 45

Squadron History - September 1945

September was the first full month of peace for the squadron since November 1941. V-J Day was proclaimed on the second, but little celebrating occurred, as the real peace sensation came in August, when the original unofficial announcement was made.

Early in the month all men with eighty-five points were sent to Manila for processing and eventual return to civilian life. After V-J Day a recount of points was made and all men with eighty points or more were put through processing prior to discharge. This group of men included all but a few of the personnel who came to the squadron in May and June of 1943. They had been overseas and in the squadron almost two and a half years and were definitely ready for a chance to get home. At month's end they were still awaiting orders to leave.

This great "sweating" process was interrupted at mid-month by a typhoon, which struck Okinawa at the northern end. Fortunately, the worst part of the storm did not hit the area and no casualties were suffered. Material damage amounted to a few tents' and the movie screen's being blown down, plus the destruction of part of the mess hall roof. This latter damage resulted

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in the enlisted men eating in the open air and rain for a few days until the damage could be repaired. Two other typhoon alerts were experienced during September, but nothing serious materialized from them.

The educational program continued in high gear during the month and several new courses were opened for the benefit of the men.

The operations of the squadron consisted of ferrying prisoners of war from Okinawa to the Philippines.

One of the released prisoners who arrived at Okinawa was Lt. Louis X. Zamperini, famed Olympic miler and bombardier of the ill-fated "Green Hornet", which was lost on a search mission in May 1943. Lt. Zamperini and the pilot, Lt. Russell Phillips, were interned in Japanese prison camps for over two years before being released. Lt. Zamperini visited the squadron and renewed friendships with the older officers and men who knew him at Kualoa, where the squadron was stationed at the time the "Hornet" was lost.

Two pay-days helped to amuse the squadron personnel during September. On the sixth of the month pay was received for June and July, and on the thirtieth, August and September payments were made. Sens and yens were floating around the area in profusion, and things were further complicated by the devaluation of the yen. This condition and the educational program helped to keep the Men's minds well occupied as the month ended. The uncertain situation in regard to when, if ever, the men would embark for their homeland made morale a nebulous factor. None of the men, as far as could be ascertained, were really vitally interested in any other subject.

42D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 903

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26 September 1945

SUBJECT: Certificates.

TO : Commanding Officer, 11th Bombardment Group (H), APO 903.

1. Attached herewith are certificates by Airplane Commanders relative to allied Prisoners of War.
2. Copies of these certificates are in the files of this unit.

Clement K. Miller
CLEMENT K. MILLER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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105 COMBATANT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 913

26 September 1945

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I certify that on 13 September 1945 I carried 20 tons of PC's to
China's to Clark Field. These PC's had not been 20 within twelve hours
previous to take-off and when we left the Clark Field base that afternoon
they were still in the air.

Ernest G. Prior
ERNEST G. PRIOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
RMC.

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420 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO ROC

25 September 1945

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that on the 21st of September 1945 I transported 20 Prisoners of War (Former) from Okinawa to Clark Field. These men were in all stages of dress from blue denim shirts and shorts to wool shirts and khaki trousers which was inadequate clothing for flying at 10000 feet.

The majority of these men were Japanese Army men and were unable to speak English. As a result I had to explain the use of the gas mask and parachute by motions. In my opinion these were inadequate instructions should an emergency have arisen during flight.

Ernest L. Olson
ERNEST L. OLSON,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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ARMY AIRCRAFT DIVISION (C)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 947

22 SEP 1953

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On the night of the 22nd of September 1953 I had 31 prisoners of war assigned to me to fly to Berlin. Most of these men had only shirts and trousers for protection against the coldness of altitude and the strong currents that prevail in the sky. Six of the men were unable to get into the aircraft without assistance. Two of these men used parachutes, reduced the load, and kept them above the sky. These men would not have had one chance in a hundred of surviving if the emergency had come up.

William C. Herten
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ret.

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3. I certify that on the 21st of September, 1935 I inspected the
results from children's clothing which was displayed for sale.
The box was approximately 50 in. long by 12 in. wide and the height
of the clothing was by the top of the box about 12 in. high. There
were 100 or more pieces of clothing in the box. The clothing was
for boys, girls and infants. The clothing was of various
kinds, but all of it was of good quality. I found that the
clothing was of good quality and was suitable for the purpose
for which it was intended. I found that the clothing was of
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Raymond H. Forster
RAYMOND H. FORSTER,
220 N. W. 4th St.,
Tulsa, Okla.

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423 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (B)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 903

25 September 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that on the morning of the 13th of September 1945 I carried 20 former Dutch Prisoners of War from Okinawa to the Philippines. Twelve of the POW's had to be assisted into the aircraft apparently lacking the physical strength to pull themselves up into the interior. They were all inadequately clothed and experienced extreme discomfort both from cold and due to the inadequate seating arrangement provided them in the bomb bay.

I too certify that I believe it extremely hazardous and dangerous in having to take-off and land with POW's in the bomb bay. On this day one prisoner had only one finger on his right hand, it stiff and useless making it completely impossible for him to pull a rip cord should he need to. Some of these men could not understand English making it impossible under the already difficult task to properly brief them in the use of emergency equipment.

Franklin B. Graven
FRANKLIN B. GRAVEN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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I certify that the following is correct:

6. On 1967 and his identity was protected from the effort. It was apparent that in this condition he could not have been placed in a successful situation. In fact, he was not allowed to be helped about the airport because of his condition.

4. None of the T-119s were considered for a return trip and engine out diversions. After the 1990 and 1991 Annual Safety Meetings, the T-119s were not considered for a return trip or engine out diversions because of the weight penalty of the two engines.

10. 21 of the 24th September 1965 is only after allowing for the time taken to make the flight, and the time taken for the flight to be made.

Ernest I. Kent Jr.

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REPORT TO THE STATION (1)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 963

25 September 1945

REFERENCE

On the 25th of September, 1945, a B-24 type aircraft was damaged by fire. The following information was provided:

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Walter B. Bradley
Walter B. Bradley
1st Lt. 4th Corps,
APO 963

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A2D COMBATMENT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
AFC 903

25 September 1945

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I certify that on the 13th of September 1945 I ferried 20 prisoners of war from Okinawa to Manila and found the following conditions existing:

(1) Their physical condition was such that crew members found it necessary to assist 13 of them into the aircraft.

(2) They were inadequately dressed in so far as none had anything heavier than two shirts and trousers and they were wearing Japanese shoes made of thin canvas and rubber.

(3) The seating arrangements for the flight were such that none can experience any amount of comfort.

(4) In their apparent physical condition few of these men would have a fair chance of survival should it become necessary to land the airplane or bail out.

Ernest C. Prior

ERNEST C. PRIOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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The Thais were not too much shocked by the rape, but they were shocked to suffer and see their countrymen so humiliated. The Japanese, on the other hand, did not see a situation as degrading as ours and they did not understand our feelings. They said that we were overreacting, and that they could not understand why we were so shocked. Because of this attitude of the Japanese, I have to explain in the following way the reason for our feeling so shocked and humiliated.

Francis J. Callahan

100-100000-100000 (1)
Letter of the operations officer
100-100000-100000

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CONFIDENTIAL

25 September 1945

I certify that on the morning of 13 September 1945 I, as pilot of an
B-24 Superfortress, was given 100000-100000 for the purpose of transporting
100000-100000. The majority of these men were Japanese, which made
unloading extremely difficult. Under these conditions the lives of 1000 passengers
and crew could be greatly endangered in the event of an emergency.

Gerald De Lauro
GERALD DE LAURO,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot.

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A20 FORWARDING SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
AFC 983

25 September 1945

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I certify that on the morning of 25 September 1945 I, as first pilot of an L-16A-1 Group B-24, was given 25 former POWs for the purpose of transporting them to Clark Field, Manila. For take-off and landing nine of these men had to be sent into the back-hay. In case of mistop the back-hay is an extremely dangerous place. The B-24s will carry 25 passengers safely.

Ernest De March
ERNEST DE MARCH,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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42D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (C)
Office of the Operations Officer
AFC 4.3

25 September 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that on the morning of the 6 September 1945 I, as pilot of a B-24 was given 20 German POWs to transport to Clark Field, Manila. These men were immediately placed in cages and were hardships during the flight.

Donald DeMaagd
DONALD DE MAAGD,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot.

420 BOMBARDIER SQUADRON (B)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 903

24 September 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that on the morning of 18 September 1945 I flew 32 B-24's from Yonkers to Clark Field. None of them had eaten since the day before. Five of them were apparently too weak to enter the plane alone. It was necessary to fly at medium altitude through rain. My crew used their own clothes trying to keep the sick ex-70's dry and warm. I landed six hours later at Clark Field. At 1:30 I talked to the sick ex-70's and they had not been fed then.

Jack Bates

JACK BATES,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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42D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 11th Bomb Gp- VII Bomber Command
 Seventh Air Force
 Army Air Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas
 APO #903

Auth: CG VII AAF
 Initials: WMA
 Date: 1 Nov 45

Squadron History - October 1945

During the month of October the main interest of the squadron was returning home. Various methods were discussed, however, before the large scale operations began for the movement home.

The Sunset Project for this squadron was put into effect on 26 October when the first crews and planes departed for the states. The morale of the combat personnel skyrocketed as the first planes took off, for hopes of returning home became more tangible. This was one move favorable to all personnel.

For ground personnel with point scores as low as eighty, home was just over the horizon. Men with seventy points were processed, and are awaiting transportation to the mainland.

The typhoon which struck Okinawa in the middle of the month was a temporary setback to operations, and therefore a minor setback to excellent morale. The Officers' Club became a haven of security during the storm to a large percentage of the squadron. The Operations and Orderly Room tents were blown down, and the Officers' Club housed these organizations until new buildings could be erected. Supply buildings and parts of the mess hall were damaged, along with a large percentage of tents. Throughout the storm, and the reconstruction period that followed, the humor and resourcefulness of the personnel remained at a high level, bringing the squadron back to normal in a short time.

On 15 October Major Clement K. Miller was succeeded as commanding officer by First Lieutenant Jack Bates. Major Miller, with one of the highest point scores in the group, was returned to the states.

At present, crews who have seen combat are awaiting return to the states by organizational aircraft, or via Manila.

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421. BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
11th Bombardment Group (H)
Seventh Air Force
Army Air Force - Pacific Ocean Areas
APO # 905

Auth: CG VILAAF
Initials: _____
Date: _____

Squadron History November 1945

During the month of November the reduction of the squadron to one officer and one enlisted man began taking effect. Our sixty point enlisted men were processed and transferred to class IV units while the rest of the personnel were being gradually shipped to other units to finish out their tour of duty.

The Sunset Project drew to a close on November 12th when the last of our eligible crews were sent to Manila. When the final score was taken we had eighteen (18) crews returned to United States via the project.

On 2 November First Lieutenant Jack Bates was succeeded as commanding officer by First Lieutenant Francis J. Colligan who in turn was succeeded by First Lieutenant Joe Savarino. Lieutenant Savarino has been elected to return the squadron records and histories to Manila for further disposition. Sergeant Gerald W. Gamel will also accompany the records to Manila.

At this time the squadron draws the curtain on another chapter of its glorious history. Lt Savarino and Sgt. Gamel are awaiting orders to accompany the records and histories.

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42D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (B)
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 903

01088

12 November 1945

SUBJECT: Notification of Inactivation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 62d General Depot, Naha. (Ph: St. Paul 203/144)
Attn: OIC, Property Turn-In Section.

1. In compliance with Hq Okinawa Base Command Memo No. 23, dtd 6 Nov 45, subject: "Procedure for Unit Property Turn-In" notification is hereby given of receipt of inactivation orders by this organization.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of TELETYPE SEVENTH AIR FORCE in duplicate containing subject inactivation notice.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER,

ROBERT L. KIMBLE,
1st Lt., AC,
Adjutant.

1 Incl - TELETYPE 7AF in duplicate.

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 RAB 41st BOMB GP / 41st BOMB PASS TO 47TH BOMB SQ, 48 BOMB SQ
 RAB 13TH AIR SERV GP / 13 AIR SERV GP PASS TO HQ & BASE SERV SQ.
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 DEPOT AT NASHA PRIOR TO THE 15TH. ALL SERVICE FORCE EQUIPMENT AND
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 YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT ABLE DASH FOUR THE HEADQUARTERS. YOUR
 RECORDS WILL BE PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFAC REGULATION ONE DASH ONE
 FIVE DATED ONE JAN FOUR FIVE. YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS WILL BE
 BE BOXED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH ONE ONE FOREGOING REGULATION FOR AIR
 SHIPMENT. THE DATE, WEIGHT AND NUMBER OF BOXES OF RECORDS WILL BE REPORTED
 TO ABLE DASH THREE THIS HEADQUARTERS. WHEN ALL OF FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS
 HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND UNIT STRENGTH HAS REACHED ONE OFFICER AND ONE
 UNLISTED MAN, THE OFFICER WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO ABLE DASH ONE THIS
 HEADQUARTERS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS IN CONFLICT
 WITH THE ABOVE ARE RESCINDED. ALL ACKNOWLEDGE X

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